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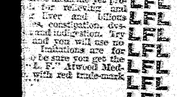

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NORWAY SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to any of these organizations to visit meetings when in town.

OXFORD LODGE, F. & A. M., No. 18., meets in Masonic Hall, Monday evenings, on or before full moon. S. R. Knowland, W. M. H. D. Smith, Sec'y.

NORWAY LODGE, No. 16, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall every Tuesday evening. H. A. Marshall, N. G. A. L. F. Pike, Sec'y.

WILDEY ENCAMPMENT, No. 21, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. J. W. Crommett, C. P. E. P. Walker, Scribe.

GRADED MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF MAINE, I. O. O. F. Annual meeting 3d Monday in January. A. S. Kimball, President. A. L. Pike, Sec'y.

PENNESSEEWASSEE LODGE No. 18, K. of P., meets in their hall, Bathaway Block, every Wednesday evening. C. M. Packard, C. C. G. F. Lisselle, K of R. & S.

NORWAY LODGE, No. 51, G. A. R., meets in Grange Hall the first Friday evening of each month. D. A. Edwards, Commander; E. B. Rogers, Adj.

RUSTFIELD LODGE, No. 53, I. O. G. T., meets in New Grange Hall every Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock. Thomas Kendall W. C. T.; N. Hatch, W. S.

UNION ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 36, meets in Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, on or before full moon. Irving Frost, H. P. H. D. Smith, Secretary.

NORWAY COMMANDERY, No. 21, U. O. G. C., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, the first and third Friday evenings of each month. Geo. A. Cleaves, V. C.; Lucelin Cummings, R. of R.

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[Written for the Advertiser.]

Norway Village in the Forties. No. 14.

On June 21, '45, James Hill gives his son Wilson Hill, jr., his time during his minority, "For a valuable consideration to him paid." Said Wilson Hill, jr., remains to this day one of the notable figures among the hard working men of Norway. Few men in Norway can dig a ditch or a cellar in a shorter time than he. He seldom patronizes a barber, having but little need of the new fangled notions of the modern village; but with his spade and pick he can remove more earth in a given time and so earn more money honestly and fairly than any other man in Norway. He lives a quiet life at his home well out on the Sodom road, and takes the battle of life in an easy way, albeit he does much hard work as the years go by.

His wife long since left him for the better country, and his children have all gone from the paternal roof; but Wilson still keeps up heart and hope, takes joyfully the little good the gods provide, and eats his bread and smokes his pipe in peace. I hope it may be long before I miss him on his oft repeated lonely tramp between Sodom and Norway village, for truly he also is one of the few characters that binds the present with the fleeting past. But of one thing I am assured fully, that when the great angel comes for him he will have to knock but once: heaven's door will be fearlessly opened and the inmate ready to go.

July 2, '45, A. D. Harris advertises that he "intends to open a High School at Steep Falls Village in Norway, on Wednesday, the 28th of August next, to continue eleven weeks. Instruction will be given in Latin, French, and Algebra as besides the common English branches. Tuition 25 cents per week."

Notice the term, "Steep Falls Village." In those days that part of the village was really a part by itself. One house stood beyond or below the Methodist chapel that occupied the spot where the Congregationalist church now stands, and that was the house, greatly changed and improved, where Mr. Woodsum now lives, directly under the droppings of the sanctuary, until the old dwelling house was reached just below the school house. The same building stands there to-day. There were no old cellars in those days, and no buildings on the back street except the Brown mansion next to the Falls.

June 30, '45, Robert L. Allen, pound keeper of Waterford says that he has received into pound "One mare, 20 years old, dark bay color, long switch tail, and a scar on her right knee," and he calls to the owners to pay "charges and take the beast away." Every town in those days had its pound and its pound keeper. Norway's pound was on the back road, one-half mile perhaps easterly from the church at the Centre of the town, and quite near the residence of Deacon Flint. Its walls are standing to-day, though of course in a tumble down condition, while across the road in the open field, on a ledge of rock, may be seen the remains of the wall that formerly surrounded the powder house, if I am not mistaken each town was required by law to keep a certain amount of powder on hand, and it was customary to place it in some such isolated situation for protection against

Through all the papers of '43, '44 and '45 much mention is made of Millerism—meaning by that the second coming of Christ. As was the great subject that agitated the people in those days, especially those in the country; and many who could not find reason to believe the doctrine still often profoundly stirred by the pictures drawn by the speakers. In this connection comes a notice dated June 14, '45 by Lorenzo D. Miller, guardian of Joanna Wardwell. It reads thus: "Run away from the house of the subscriber, Joanna Wardwell, about 18 years of age. She is supposed to have gone among the Millerites, as she is and has been for several months past, under the pretended influence of the comfort with the hot or cold water.....This is the only machine that washes in hot water: the clothes are purified and made more healthy thereby.....It has no equal in washing blankets, quilts and all bedding.....It is the only machine in sudsing and rinsing, and when little requires but little power.....RUBBERS—Put the wash-board away in the garret, for you will never want it again after using our Fredonia Washer.....The principle has not been changed nor never will be, which is simply to force the water through the fabric enough times to take out the dirt.....If you wish to do your washing quickly, easily and effectively, just use our FREDONIA WASHER.

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Queer Calling for a South Paris Man.

BY OUR SOUTH PARIS CORRESPONDENT.

During the last snow storm there were many loafers at the stores, and numerous discussions upon deep subjects were indulged in. The Governor's Message seemed to be their favorite theme, and after taking first one part and then another they lit upon the Canadian fishing troubles as a fitting climax and aired their knowledge concerning that branch of navigation.

"You can't tell me anything about that business," said one man, "for I have been there!"

"You been a fishing," echoed his audience, "where? in Hall's Pond?"

"No, I've been on bona fide voyages down to Grand Manan and 'The Ridges.'"

"What did you catch?"

"O, we caught everything that swims, herring, cod, sharks, porpoise, hake, everything."

The reporter thinking it might interest Oxford County people in this singular calling for an Oxford Bear invited this untiring talker to reel off a fish yarn, and after twitching up his trousers sailor fashion he answered the following questions:

"Are there many Oxford County men in the fishing business?"

"Not many in the fishing business, but there are quite a number of sailors around the Oxford Hills."

"How is the fishing business carried on?"

"There are two kinds of fishermen, those who use hand lines and those who use set lines called trawls. I shipped for a Portland firm and we used trawls altogether. We fished on shares, the ship getting five shares and the rest being divided among the crew."

"What kind of a vessel and crew did you have?"

"We had a schooner of 80 tons and shipped a crew of eighteen men including the skipper, who is little better than common man fishing and lodging with the rest of the men. Every two men have a dory, a trawl and other apparatus for fishing. A trawl consists of a ground line a mile long attached at either end to a buoy and anchor, and to this ground line are attached shots, lines and hooks. Shucked clams, herrings and other small fish are used for bait, and we fished in about one hundred fathoms of water. We took up the trawl twice a day taking in the fish and rebaiting."

"What did you have for provisions?"

"O, we had the best. We took in crackers, corned beef and pork, flour, butter, cheese, tea, coffee, spices and canned goods, anything the men wanted, as they furnished their own provisions. Then we had of course all the fresh fish we wanted. Then we occasionally shot a porpoise which tastes very much like fresh pork."

"Is fishing hard work and how long does the fishing voyage generally last?"

"During great catches the work is hard. It depends a good deal upon what kind of a skipper you have. Sometimes there is a week at a time that we could do no fishing. A voyage lasts from one month to five."

"How are the fish cured?"

"After the fish are taken on board the schooner we turn to and dress down. We divide up into gangs; one cuts off the fishes head and splits him the entire length; the next one takes out his liver, throws it into a hogshead and the entrails into the sea. Some other parts of the fish are sometimes saved. A third man takes out the back bone and the fish is ready to salt down in the hole. Sometimes not enough salt is put on and many spoil."

"How do the fishermen dress?"

"Their suits consist of warm woolen clothing, stout boots and oil suits."

"I have seen some hard times," said the sailor, "on the fishing grounds. I have seen a whale attacked at the same time by a thrasher and a sword-fish. It was a terrible fight, but the whale was beaten. The thrasher and the sword-fish always go together. I was nearly swamped once by a shark who was about to get into my boat. It is a fascinating business, although many men lose their lives in it. I know of two men who lost their lives in a snow storm. They went out after their trawls and in the blinding snow they got lost. The ship's crew fired guns, but they heard nothing from them and in the storm they could do nothing for them. Myself and another man came very near getting lost once in a fog. We went round and round, until we did not know North from South. At last we heard the ship's bell in a quarter we did not expect it and started for it. They were afraid we were lost and kept ringing the bell."

[Written for the Advertiser.]

Educational.

Mazo Manie, Wis. Jan. 15, 1887.

Having left the old county of Oxford some few months ago and settled in a new one far away, I will give you a few facts concerning the educational interest shown here.

I came from Maine to Wisconsin in July last and engaged in the educational work in Dane County, situated in the south central part of the State of Wisconsin. The interest in education is well kept up here as I find it to be throughout the State.

As the county is large it is divided into two districts, each under the supervision of a county superintendent.

The county superintendency was inaugurated in this county in 1861, and its permanency was for some years problematical, it is now a well grounded fixture in the educational system. The salary of the county Supt. varies from $800 to $1500. The number of visits made by superintendents during the year is about four hundred. Dane county is favored with the State University at Madison, founded in 1849, which employs forty-two instructors, the number of students being about three hundred and seventy-five and an alumni of about eight hundred.

The cash value of the University building is about $300,000; value of site $50,000; apparatus, $15,000.

The county being divided into two districts, I will give the statistics for each district. In the district there were by last fall 127 schools, 8,304 scholars, 4295 males and 4009 females.

The number of teachers employed, 221. Average wages per month: male, $38 39; female, $27.38. The school buildings, in the main, are in good condition; location, usually good, sightly and healthful. There are thirty-five brick or stone buildings. Valuation of school property $67,735. Only about one-half of the districts have adopted a list of text books.

The number of teachers in the second district, holding first grade certificates, 4; second grade, 11; third grade, 133. I am unable to give the number of high schools in the first district.

In the second district, there are three high schools, situated at Mazo Manie, Oregon and Middleton. The number of schools in the second district, 121; number of teachers employed, 205; average wages: male, $36.24; female, $24.83. Number of scholars, 1,713; value of property, $56,808; number of stone or brick buildings, 36; districts that have adopted a list of text books, 52; number of teachers holding first grade certificates, 3; second grade, 15; third grade, 176.

Well, I think that I have given a fair idea of the state of education in Dane county and should be pleased to see a similar account of Oxford county presented in the ADVERTISER. I think that the knowledge of the county and the educational advantages should be foremost, in the pursuit of all.

Yours, W. W. KILGORE.

Autograph Collecting.

The Presidents of the United States.

George Washington, whose public life covered so many years and who occupied so many high positions in his country's history, is probably the grandest name in American history to own. He wrote many letters in the trembling hand so characteristic, and signed innumerable documents; therefore the name is really plenty but as an offset always sells high. A document will bring $10, a letter signed, from $12 to $25 and an autograph letter, written in his later years from $25 to $50, according to its condition and subject. A Revolutionary autograph letter is uncommon and valuable. A good specimen will sell at $75 and but few chances appear. In the collection of John S. H. Fogg, M. D., of South Boston, Mass., there are some six or seven autograph letters, including one of 5 pp. folio, 1775, written immediately after taking command of the army at Cambridge and about fortifying Boston Harbor. Such a letter is so seldom brought to sale that its value can hardly be established. It would probably sell for $150, as one of the bright gems of the name. The writer recently disposed of an autograph letter written from his camp at Middlebrook in 1779, covering *eleven full quarto pages*, and in perfect preservation for $40, but the subject bein upon the General's lands was uninteresting and greatly reduced the price. But as we have already said, the name is common and a collector can always obtain it. It is invariably signed: "G° Washington."

John Adams, who was Vice-President and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, in addition to his office as chief magistrate, is sought after by everyone. A good autograph letter can be obtained for $15 and a very late letter for $10. As in the case of Washington, a Revolutionary letter is valuable and its value cannot be set. His letters are always interesting and desirable, while they are rarer than his predecessor's. A unique form of the letter in the Revolutionary times, is that found unsigned, perhaps from the fact that King George III could read without "Specs" and would enjoy intercepting some of the great patriot's correspondence. A document or letter signed is worth $2.50. His name is always signed plain "John Adams."

Thomas Jefferson's letters are very plenty and are to be found in all shapes after the year 1800. A fine autograph letter is worth from $4 to $6, so no one is justified in accepting a poor specimen. A Revolutionary letter, however, is a great rarity, and always of value. His writing was peculiarly plain, although almost entirely discarding the use of capitals, and at times pursuing almost a printed hand. His signature was like the man, simple "Th: Jefferson."

James Madison wrote a small, neat hand, rather cramped, but legible. His name is easily found. Often a long and interesting letter is found, while letters and documents signed are plenty. A good autograph letter is worth $6, but a document $5, but both are scarce. His chirography was very peculiar, but his letters are always of interest and desirable.

A long letter of President Filmore can be obtained for two or three dollars and are easily found. The name is common and a collector should accept nothing but a good specimen.

President Pierce wrote a great many letters which, consequently, are plenty. A good specimen ought to be worth $2. His writing was poor.

James Buchanan is perhaps the easiest of all to obtain. A fine letter is worth but $1.50 and plenty at that.

Abraham Lincoln is very rare. In future years his letters will probably be more easily found, but at present it is a difficult matter to obtain a fine autograph letter of the great man. He wrote an angular hand, signing the regulation, "A. Lincoln" almost invariably to everything. A fair specimen is worth $16.

Andrew Johnson has the distinction of being the rarest of the Presidents, and name in any form, much more in that of a letter, is excessively rare. His signature is cramped, perhaps owing to a broken wrist from which he was troubled in his later years, and at the same time accounting for the few letters which are found. Be it as it may, President Johnson's autograph is a great rarity.

General Grant wrote a scrawling hand and signed his name with a jerk and a scratch. In letter form at present he is hard to find and always worth a good price.

President Hayes who is living is common.

President Garfield is very rare in letter form, bringing from $5 to $10. He wrote the best hand of all the presidents and signed his name neatly.

General Arthur, strange to say, is hard to obtain. This will probably be different in the future as more of his correspondence comes to light. He wrote his whole name without taking his pen from the paper.

From the way civil service reform is being exemplified at Washington to-day, in the issuing of commissions, the autograph of President Cleveland will be very common in years to come. He writes a very small, running hand and is quite neat.—*Howard K. Sanderson.*

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Now, while there seems to be nothing to do upon many farms, is just the time to get all things ready for the active spring campaign. We see so many of our farmers in the spring behind with their work, when we are satisfied that much of this work could have been done at odd spells and during the stormy days of winter. There is always something to do on a farm, and the farmer that desires to work and keep things moving, and not have his work push him all summer, will make use of all the spare time he can secure during the many pleasant days of winter.

This will apply to the farmers of the North as well as those of the South. The farm is the same wherever you may go, plenty to do and always paying well to have everything done early in the season.

There are too many slack farmers, which is the cause of too much grumbling; which causes too much dissatisfaction among farmers' sons; which causes too many to leave and go into the cities; which causes too much suffering and distress on account of the over crowded condition of the trades and professions. One slack leads to another and so on. On the other hand a tidy, prosperous farmer produces good crops, a good feeling in his family, and the enjoyment of the home, which tends to keep the boy at home, and gives him a liking for the life of a farmer and the bettering of his fellow man.

The Milling World has an ingenious and interesting article, tracing a bushel of corn from the field to the bar where it is dispensed as whiskey at so much a drink. The bushel of corn costs the man who grows it 30 cents. When he goes to the bar and buys it back as a whiskey cock-tail it furnishes him just two drinks for his 30 cents. The distiller takes the the original bushel of corn and converts it into 17 quarts of whiskey for which he gets $1.70. The government puts on a tax of 80 cents a gallon, which brings the bushel of corn up to $5.35. By the time the whiskey gets to the retailer's bar its quantity has been doubled by dilution and otherwise, so that it represents eight and one-half gallons of liquor, furnishes 210 drinks at 15 c

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This paper has a larger circulation than any other paper in the State that is published outside the cities.

To Our Correspondents.

Please give us your attention. This is the last paper that will be sent to the subscribers you got us on our special list. Every name on that list is now dropped. Thus we have fulfilled your agreement.

Now, will you not speak to them? Ask them to continue? Induce them to become permanent patrons of this paper. They are as far as the correspondent is concerned considered *new* subscribers.

Remember and send us all the local news from your section full and complete.

Visit us when in town.

A thorough bred Hereford bull for sale by H. N. Chase of Buckfield, Me. See ad.

Isaac W. Andrews has been appointed postmaster at South Woodstock.

Read the Fryeburg Academy advt. Spring term opens March 16. Strong corps of teachers.

Special list expires with this paper. Do you want the ADVERTISER longer? If so send for it at once.

C. S. Tucker, of Norway, wants you to come to his store and buy a robe. Large stock of all kinds of robes at a bargain.

Mechanic Falls has a Law and Order League, the mission of which is to prevent small boys from running away from school and riding on cars.

We would extend an invitation to the subscribers now on our special list to renew. This is the last paper you are to receive according to the terms of your subscription unless you forward the cash.

The annual statement of the Phenix Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., appears in this issue. It is worthy of your attention. The company is one of the safest in the country. F. Howe, Norway, agent.

Bethel Notes.

Bethel is a trade center for a large territory. The stores carry a general stock. Long credit is given. This custom has long been established. Some of the traders say they have not had a settlement in full with some of their customers for "nigh upon twenty-five years."

The chair factory at the depot is getting ready to start up. In fact the board saw is in operation and is cutting up lumber. The building is being piped by a Mr. Smith of the firm of Jones & Henchens of Portland. An eighty-horse power boiler is used and a 25 h. p. J. W. Penney, Mechanic Falls, engine furnishes power. One long line of shafting is in place. Some machinery is being run and parts of the famous Shaker Chairs of the J. H. Barrows make are taking shape. A large amount of hard wood logs are being hauled to the mill. Mr. Barrows tells us how many thousand he has engaged but we have forgotten the figures. He is to get the factory in active operation as soon as possible. He has received several large orders for the different styles of chairs of his make. The building gives ample space and he can employ a large force.

"The boom" since the building of the chair factory still holds up. The increase of value to date is prospective, yet there can be no doubt of its coming.

Several fine residences have been built within the past year. Bethel is noted for her architectural structures and beautiful scenery and we might add the amount of silent capital. Some people here are wealthy and take delight in their quiet, secluded retirement and are averse to a manufacturing village.

A number of hands formerly employed by Mr. J. H. Barrows at West Paris were here Saturday in quest of work when the shop starts—they having been thrown out of employment at the latter place by the removal of the "finishing" to New York.

A. C. Farwell is having a house and stable built. Thos. F. Kendall of Norway has taken the contract. The house will be similar to the one built by H. C. Andrews.

S. A. Brock, the hardware dealer, who recently sold his business here to Hastings Bros. is on the outlook for a business opening elsewhere. The Hastings Brothers take kindly to the hardware business.

The Gorham *Mountaineer* expresses our views when it says: "We are always pleased to say a good word for that old popular school, Gould's academy, of Bethel, Maine, and are glad to learn of its recent improved condition, under the new management of its efficient preceptor and able corps of assistants. Mr. Howard has succeeded in recording a larger number of students the present term than of any corresponding term within the history of the school. He, it seems, has come to Bethel with the intention of remaining and making Gould's academy take the place it ought to hold among other institutions of its class in the state. The spring term will commence February 22, and continue thirteen weeks, and we shall look for a large attendance. Bethel is one of the handsomest villages in the state, and it is universally known that those who come from abroad to attend the academy always have a lingering regard for the place and its people, made so by the good times and pleasant relations during their stay."

The Bethel Savings Bank is peculiarly a conservative institution, presided over by A. E. Herrick, esq., with the utmost care and precision. It has between seven and eight hundred depositors and earns an annual dividend of four per cent. Its surplus and reserve fund is large—we think the largest of any Savings Bank in the state. Its books are kept scrupulously neat.

Hotel business during the winter is dull. The patronage of the traveling public is about equally divided between the Elms and Bethel House. Both are good houses.

The ADVERTISER has a large circulation in Bethel. It is the largest of any paper that comes to the post-office. Single copies of the ADVERTISER can be had at G. R. Wiley's at 4 cts. each.

HIRAM.

The village schools closed Friday, and Mrs. J. L. Bennett will commence a private school Feb. 7th.

Mrs. P. B. Young is visiting in Portland and Deering.

Nothing succeeds like success. Bell's Sarsaparilla, has won a splendid record. C. Sweet & Bros., Wholesale Druggists, Bangor, Me., say, "We believe from our increasing sales this Sarsaparilla is a preparation of merit." (Only 50 cts. per bottle.)

NORTH NORWAY.

School exhibition in Dist. No. 12 Jan. 22. We hear much credit is due the teacher, Etta Knightly, and also the scholars.

Mrs. Wm. Cox is sick with lung troubles.

Many are suffering with cold and cough in our district.

Artie Herrick has the whooping cough.

Horace Hussey has gone to Albany to work for M. C. Allister.

Edwin Cox has one of the best farms in town. Although he keeps a very large stock, he has sold 12 tons of hay this winter. He made him a silo last summer.

Temperance in all things is the key note to perfect health. If ill, take the true "L. F." Atwood Medicine, "L. F."

NORTH RUMFORD.

Wm. Elliott has returned from Mass., where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Bunton.

The roads are passable and that is about all.

The wood piles that are not up won't be likely to be gotten up the snow is so deep in the woods.

If the snow gets much deeper,
We'll have to quit a logging,
Or else get some half-inch boards
And haul on a toboggin.

H. E. Hutchins is going to build a wind mill. He has the main shaft and speed wheel already in place and says that he will finish it so his wood pile will come under the saw.

N. A. Austin, who has been at work for Y. A. Thurston, is at home.

Mrs. G. B. Hoyt is quite sick, having taken cold. There is considerable sickness here, having the form of a very severe cold.

The S. S. is well attended meeting at the dwelling houses at 11 a. m. Sundays.

JEM KEEN.

ALBANY.

Mrs. Henry Brown of North Waterford, was in town last week visiting her parents, John Grover and wife. She has returned home.

Abel Andrews has bought a nice young cow.

Benjamin Bryant of Bethel, passed the Corner Monday with a two horse team loaded with pressed hay.

Wilson Lawrence, who has been at work in Gilead in the logging swamp, is in town visiting his sister, Mrs. Dexter A. Cummings.

Austin Grover, wife and two children of Stoneham, were in town last week visiting his parents, John Grover and wife. They have returned home.

Isaac Wardwell, who has been sick for the past few weeks, is now thought to be improving.

The Congregational social circle met at Mrs. J. H. Lovejoy's last Wednesday afternoon and evening. About twenty were present. Elder Witham and wife of Mason, were among the number. All seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. The next circle will be with Mrs. James A. Kimball, Wednesday, Feb. 2d.

Tyler T. Cole has gone to Gilead to drive a two horse team in the logging swamp for Mr. Kelliher.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

Mrs. P. M. Hutchinson is better and W. E. Hutchinson has returned to Norway.

Juliette Lufkin is sick with fever.

Mrs. R. C. Dolloff does not improve any.

Sarah F. Dolloff came Wednesday. She is to stop with her brother for the winter.

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

Mrs. John Gallison of this place died very suddenly at her home on Thursday. She retired in usual good health on Wednesday evening but was taken violently sick in the night. A physician was summoned but every effort proved unavailing and she died on Thursday at 1 o'clock. Funeral services were held on Sunday.

Nathaniel Farnum has been confined to the house for nearly two weeks by a huge carbuncle on the back of his neck which has been very painful.

Severe colds and lung troubles are prevalent everywhere.

School in the Billings district closes this week on Saturday.

HARTFORD.

Thursday evening, the 20th, Lillian M. Irish and Benj. Y. Benson both of this town were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Follett at the residence of the bride's father, Isaac M. Irish in South Hartford. A goodly company of seventy-five invited guests from this town and Buckfield met to witness the ceremony and take part in the festivities. The Buckfield Orchestra furnished a fine musical entertainment, some of the guests made brief remarks, congratulations were showered on the worthy young couple and everybody appeared to be happy.

KEZAR FALLS.

Kezar Falls has a penny post, Phil with his sled.

Rev. Mr. McKinsley and wife have been holding a series of lectures the past week. The large hall has been full most every evening.

Roads are almost impassable; if it storms and blows one week more, sleighing is gone to ——.

Whist parties are all the rage at this place at present.

Rev. W. E. Morse gave a lecture on business at this place the 18th. He has delivered better lectures in this place before.

As the news that Porter Village was on fire was telephoned to this place with the Record scribe we went to the scene of the fire and behold—an old house 80 years old was no more. Loss 000, insurance 000, no accidents except to rats and mice.

A sad house is James Sargent's. They have buried two of their children within a week.

Chester Chapman is home for the present.

DICK.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

We learn that Ed Herrick has concluded not to go to Boston for his health as he is improving.

Our school agent finds there is money enough to add another week to the winter term of our village school.

The members of the school intend to hold their exhibition at the Mount Abram House Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9th; prices of admission 10 and 5 cents, and as the proceeds go towards paying the minister we hope the people will give them a full house. The teacher, Lillian Abbott is laboring hard to make it a success.

Another good time at the Mount Abram on Thursday evening, Feb. 3d. An order of 12 dances. The Lockes' Mills quadrille band furnishes music.

L. C. Trask was in town over Sunday.

EAST HEBRON.

A large number of those that have long been on the sick list are improving in health.

Dea. Bonney is again sick. Working in the snow breaking roads brought on that bad cough again.

Mrs. W. N. Woodsdon is feeble.

Mrs. Braidey Bailey is suffering from a bad cold, pneumonia is feared from the symptoms.

John Broson found his cow dead one morning last week. She had choked by putting her foot through the chain around her neck. Too loose chains do mischief.

Charles Gilmore is conducting very strangely and is supposed to be insane. He started last Thursday for Buckfield to get a physician to visit his child and had not returned home on Sunday morn. He is supposed to be in Turner among his relatives. His wife is anxious in his behalf.

Last Friday's wind blow filled the road leading from the meeting house to Caleb Snell's with snow and the road was not complete passing until Sabbath afternoon.

S. H. and Hiram Keene's teams are hauling ice for their creamery.

J. J. Fuller has bought a new saw to cut ice with. They obtain good ice from Fuller's mill pond.

The Keene teams hauled ice for Deacon Berry the past week. Frank Ramsdell is cutting ice for his father's creamery.

Baker Phillips hauled a large load of sawdust from Buckfield last Thursday to pack ice in.

Addison Monk has a full blooded Jersey cow for which he paid seventy-five dollars. During the past four weeks and three days he has sold twenty-five pounds of butter at twenty-five cents per pound, and now has twenty-two pounds not sold, all made in the four weeks and three days past.

Sure Haven Lodge is preparing the drama, "Driven to the Wall," for an entertainment at some future day not yet appointed.

There is much rejoicing since a few warm days put in an appearance.

GILEAD.

Another happy couple united in marriage. At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. L. Gridley, Charles F. Boober and Edith L. Bennett. This makes three couples in two weeks. Gilead is having an awakening and in years to come promises to furnish less "old maids" than heretofore.

Reuben Whitman from Greenwood is with his brother and sister here and contemplates working in the mill for J. P. Skillings.

Howe, the commercial traveller, was in town Saturday last.

Snow is most too deep for good business.

Our G. A. R. Boys report a fine time at the installation at Gorham last week.

Fred Coffin and Lincoln Burbank attended the Grand Army Ball at Gorham.

One of the night trains hauled a car with a broken wheel from Shelburne to this station without damage, the shackle holding it in place and on the track.

H. P. Wheeler's horse became frightened near the post-office last week, but was caught just in time to prevent much damage being done.

Winnie Hodgman is at home now with his father.

Freedie Bennett attended the G. A. R. Ball at Gorham with her father, E. R. Bennett.

J. N. Willey was in town Saturday. He has been sick for nearly three weeks.

Thanks to Munn for his kind notices a few weeks ago. We hope he will not now consider Dinah an intruder, for she will strive not to interfere with his territory.

Mrs. Hannah Wight, an aged lady, fell and hurt herself quite badly last Sunday night.

The little daughter of Dana Wight who has been quite sick, is now very much better.

Mrs. George Burnham is now able to attend church and take her place at the organ.

Traveling is very hard in some places just now, and not many are seen out riding.

We hear that "S. W. P." is getting musical of late, and we should not be surprised to hear of him around giving concerts.

Lillian Blake has been to Bethel on a visit.

DINAH.

GREENWOOD.

Willard Ames, who fell oft of the house some time ago, is still in feeble health.

Samuel Elwell is no better and not much hopes of his recovery.

Jacob Emmons has had quite an ill turn.

Will Herrick's wife is sick.

We had a blizzard last Friday, which makes bad travelling at present.

E. M. Rowe from Norway was at my place last Saturday looking after hay, etc.

Monday it rained all day. Tim Smith, the Elm House hostler, and John Freeman went fishing pickerel on the Hicks pond.

JOHN.

RUMFORD.

E. C. Foster & Co. are making things lively on the mill brook. They will land on F. J. Rolfe's near Concord river over a million feet of spruce, a large lot of hard wood and peeled hemlock at Rand's mill and a number of hundred cords of bark at Bryant's Pond.

W. G. Morey was struck on the hip by a skid and had to lay by a few days in consequence. The same day Gilman Buck cut a large but not deep gash in his leg.

Geo. Ryerson got a bad cut in the face by a falling limb.

W. W. Stevens was seen to climb cautiously out on the roof of his shed with a rope in his hand the other morning, one end of which was fastened inside the window. Some neighbors expected to see him dangling at the other end of the rope, but he held on as well as any one would and returned into the window safely after having cleaned the roof of snow.

FRANK.

H. O. Thayer's men are making shook at the rate of five hundred a week.

Peter Thompson and wife are very feeble, he being entirely helpless. They have the kind care and attention of their son John and wife who live with them.

Brother French, our worthy pastor, is laboring with us to the satisfaction of all.

John Stevens is tending to business and we think he has a keen eye for the dollars.

Bennett & Abbott are pushing their steam mill to completion. We expect to hear the whistle soon.

School closed in district No. 3, Jan 21, after a successful term of ten weeks taught by Lottie A. Elliott. She is a good teacher and commands the respect and good will of all.

BUNG.

FRYEBURG.

Saturday afternoon, Wyman Jones, a well-to-do and highly respected farmer, died very suddenly. He sat down to breakfast Saturday morning, as usual, and seemed in good health, though complaining of a headache. Before night he was dead. The cause of his death we did not learn. Mr. Jones had been one of the selectmen of the town, and was a member of Pythagorean Lodge of Masons at Fryeburg. He leaves a widow and one or two small children. He was about 42 years of age.

News of the death of George Putnam Osgood in Australia some ten days or more ago has been received through a cable dispatch from his brother James Ripley Osgood, now in London, to his mother in Boston. The dispatch states that Mr. Osgood was drowned while crossing a river in Australia. He had been living in that country rather more than a year. The death of Mr. Osgood at the early age of 37 years causes deep sorrow in the hearts of all who knew him. He was born in Fryeburg, being the youngest child of the late Col. Edward L. Osgood, who in years gone by was one of the foremost men in Oxford county. After finishing his school and college education George accepted a position in the publishing house of James R. Osgood & Co., Boston. He remained there for many years, always spending his summer vacation in Fryeburg. The remains will be embalmed and brought to Boston for burial.

The funeral of Nancy Buzzell occurred Monday. She had been confined to her bed a long time.

William Souther is visiting in Hanover, N. H.

Rev. E. P. Eastman of Hiram, preached in the Congregationalist church last Sunday.

A. F. Richardson has been at Augusta this week. The school under the careful teachers does not suffer from his absence. The students will hold a senate Thursday evening.

J.

NORTH WEST BETHEL.

Our community was saddened by the news of the death of Rev. Jacob Horton, pastor of the Cong'l church in South Gardner, who formerly resided here, and his remains were brought here for burial on Friday, the 14th. The funeral was held on Mayville on Saturday. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. His disease was inflamation of the bowels of four week's duration, and his death was, as his life has been, peaceful and happy.

H. Wilson and son with two hired men are cutting birch and hauling it to the spool factory at West Bethel. Mr. Wilson has a fine colt two years old, weighing 1000 lbs.

Sylvanus Mason slaughtered a hog which weighed when dressed 440 lbs.

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EAST BETHEL.

Mrs. H. R. Bartlett has sold her farm to Mr. Nason. Mr. N. moved in last week.

Lillian Moody, who has been visiting in Boston, Mass., returned home last week.

Mrs. B. F. Estes is visiting relatives in Boston, Mass.

ZIP COON.

PARIS HILL.

H. D. Hammond closed his school in district No. 2, last Friday.

Hon. George F. Hammond and wife have returned from New York.

Hattie Hooper has just finished a school in Poland.

The village schools under the instruction H. A. Dunham and Mrs. Charles E. Waterman close this week. The grammar school will keep a few days next week to make up for lost time.

The Universalist circle gave an entertainment Tuesday eve.

A number of strangers have been in town during the past week, among them: F. A. Porter, Rumford; C. Bisbee, Bethel; H. D. Abbott, South Andover; J. L. Frank, Brownfield.

Rev. W. C. Barrows of the Baptist church in this village gave a lecture entitled Strength and Beauty of Character, in Buckfield last week.

Representative Wight was at home over Sunday.

George H. Watkins was elected corresponding secretary of the Maine Press Association, at its meeting in Augusta last week.

A curious team was observed in our streets the other day, an ox and cow yoked together.

S. B. Doe has erected a street lamp in front of his residence in this village, a good move.

PARTRIDGE DISTRICT.—Chase & Gowell went to Lewiston with six oxen last week.

Fred Bennett and wife have been visiting his brother and sister in this place.

Kendall Ripley has returned to his work at the sled factory.

Edwin Stearns has sold his apples.

Prentiss Ripley was at Snow's Falls and vicinity last week.

Hezekiah Lapham has sold one yoke of his oxen.

Walter Gray's school closes this week.

Frank and Ed Ryerson are hauling Charles Mellen's wood.

Frank Woodbury is at home.

CANTON.

M. C. Delano has sold his trotting mare "Maggie Miller" to a gentleman in Boston for $1,100. She left here Saturday. I saw the trotter "Elcho" on the streets last week. She is looking well and bids fair to make it interesting for the Oxford county horses another season.

The warm rain Monday settled the snow considerably.

Large quantities of wood are being hauled to the pulp mill.

Parties from Massachusetts have been here looking over the water power with a view to building a tannery for tanning fancy leather. The greatest obstacle in the way appears to be the lack of water.

The reform meeting Sunday night was well attended and quite enthusiastic. Hon. J. P. Swasey was present and gave us one of his free and easy, off hand best speeches. Twenty-four new names were added to the pledge that evening.

L. Packard of Auburn is having a lot of wood cut from the John D. Hodge farm.

The Baptist Sunday school under the charge of E. N. Carver gave a concert Sunday evening.

B.

HANOVER.

The Hanover dramatic club will present the popular drama "The flowing bowl," in a few weeks.

C. F. Hutchins has sold his stock of goods back to A. K. Knapp.

A. R. Roberts has invented and got patented a road machine for breaking roads in winter. It breaks roads wide enough for double teams to pass with ease. Two yoke of oxen will haul it any where.

Mrs. Abbie Hutchins has sold her lot of land at the foot of Howard's pond to George S. Smith.

Harry Staples has taken the job to turn dowels of Locke & Hastings, of Gilead. He left for there last Saturday. Staples has been foreman in Smith's dowel shop ever since they went into business at Hanover and they will have a hard job to fill his place.

WEST BETHEL.

G. G. Dow from South Woodstock, was in town last week visiting his sister, Mrs. E. R. Briggs.

Charles Green, wife and daughter from Mechanic Falls are visiting at E. R. Briggs.

So many changes in the weather makes it bad about people taking cold. Nearly everyone is complaining of bad colds.

A. S. Bean's mill is running at its full capacity. He is now turning tops and small boxes in the shape of rolling pins.

Our village school finished last Friday after a successful term of thirteen weeks, taught by Frank Stevens of South Bethel.

PORTER.

Oliver S. Chapman, who has been spending his vacation at the old homestead, has returned to Lynn, Mass.

J. Andrew Howard is at home on a visit.

Joseph Durgin's infant child has been very sick with erysipelas but is thought to be improving.

Thurston Durgin is at work at Hiram for P. & B. Young making shook.

"Brownie" made us a pleasant call on Sunday.

S. L. H.

EAST WATERFORD.

Mattie Upton of Auburn, has been visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity the past few days.

Dancing school closes this week but we hear there is talk of having a course of assemblies.

D. L. Merrill is feeding about 70 sheep for J. E. McIntire.

Big Jim has finished hauling hemlock to P. N. Haskell's mill.

Quite a number are hauling wood, hemlock bark, etc., to Norway.

TRANSIENT.

WEST PERU.

Union revival meetings are being held at the F. B. Church under the leadership of Rev. W. E. Noyes assisted by Brother Ventres of Canton, and O. T. Lovejoy, the pastor in charge. The meetings are well attended and much interest is manifested. Rev. W. E. Noyes preached at the school house in district No. 4 Sunday p. m., Jan. 23d. A series of testimonials were given and several expressed a desire and determination to lead a Christian life.

Saturday eve, Jan. 22, Ellen P. Kimball the teacher had a school party at her boarding place. A treat was furnished by Messrs. T. H. and Otis Burgess with the teacher's help. T. H. Burgess favored us with music and song, also Eddie Haines and several others making it a pleasant occasion for all.

Monday eve, Jan. 24th, there was a spelling match and play party at the school house.

UPTON.

A. K. Frost has just returned from the Lakes.

Mrs. H. F. West has gone to Paris to stop a while with her daughter Mabel, who is there under the care of a physician of Norway.

H. T. Chase has hauled the "boss" load of spruce, five trees scaling 2,760 ft. on one sled with one pair of horses the distance of one mile. When this is beaten let us know.

Albert Cash is home from the woods, sick.

D.

DENMARK.

Mrs. Susie, wife of Frank Giles, died Jan. 17th, after a lingering illness of two years. Funeral services took place Thursday 10 a. m., conducted by Rev. C. H. Cummings of Bridgton. The remains were taken to So. Paris for burial.

L. A. Ingalls, J. N. Smith and S. T. Jewett were in Portland last week on business.

Clara Hill and her daughter Belle are at home on a short visit.

The readings given by J. E. W. Smith were very much enjoyed. Owing to the bad traveling the audience was small. Music was interspersed by members of the choir.

HEBRON.

Mrs. Sarah Howe and Effie Hutchinson arrived from Boston Monday night of last week, to take charge of the Trustee House during the spring term.

Isaac Glover from Waltham, Mass., made his relatives here a short visit last week.

Hiram Everett will build an addition of 20 feet on to the end of his barn in the spring. He is hauling the timber to West Minot to get it sawed.

The Thursday night prayer meeting was held at Mrs. Turner's last week.

After a vacation of two weeks, next Monday our streets will once more present a lively appearance at the return of the students to attend the Academy.

The subscription paper that was started in December to raise funds for the new Academy has already reached the sum of $24,000.

A new bible has been bought and put on the pulpit in the church.

Prof. Sargent and wife are expected to arrive this week.

Dea. Moody remains about the same. His son Prof. Moody, who is teaching the Edward Little High School at Auburn, was home to see him Saturday night and Sunday.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

Isaac Fuller and wife passed through our place last Sunday.

Minnie and Mattie Harlow have gone to Auburn to work.

Mrs. Sarah Record is visiting at the lower village.

Mrs. Ladd is very feeble again.

Martha Record's hand is in very bad shape. It pains her nearly all the time.

Our winter term of school is being finished by Geneva Barrett from Sumner Hill. She boards at Frank Heald's.

Agnes Flagg is at home sick.

Benjamin Record is at home this winter.

Cena Fuller is at work at D. L. Farrar's.

There is a man in this place who has a pet hen and a very knowing one too. He is an early riser and takes his lantern and goes to the barn to do his chores. Miss Biddy hears him coming and flies from her roost. He follows her not far behind while she goes on her nest. He stands by and holds his lantern and when he goes into the house he has Miss Biddy's golden egg to carry in. If there is a kinder master or a more knowing hen I would like to hear from them.

Willard Mason has been sick but is better.

Walter Turner and wife spent last Sabbath at Fred Cooper's.

Washie Health has the "boss team," his new sleigh is handsome, his colt is a nice stepper and I shall almost envy the fair damsel that sits beside him when that sleigh-ride party comes oft.

CASCO.

Mrs. Fred Burgess is very lame with rheumatism.

Mrs. Freeman Berry has moved in with her brother, G. W. Burgess, esq.

School closed in dist. No. 5 Jan. 19 after a term of 11 weeks.

We are at this writing having a nice thaw, and we hope it will continue until the snow is brought low, as we have too much now to do much in the woods.

J. H. Tolman has sold his mill to R. Mayberry, who has leased it to F. B. Nichols. A. J. Jepson will attend to the grinding department for the present.

Late arrivals, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wight of E. Otisfield.

Will some of the readers of the ADVERTISER please inform me through the columns of the paper where Thomas Wight now resides. He formerly resided in Errol, N. H., or Upton, Me.

MASON.

F. I. and I. A. Bean are cutting pine timber in Albany, and hauling it to I. A. Bean's mill in Mason.

Dana and Arthur Morrill have cut about 300 cords of birch timber this winter.

Daniel Morrill and his son Ernest have hauled to the Mason Steam Mill 170 cords of birch timber this winter.

W. H. and Owen Mason is hauling birch timber to West Bethel.

The roads have been so bad that there has not been much teaming from Mason to Bethel the past week.

George Frost is driving A. S. Bean's big black horses. They are a splendid pair and George is a good driver.

Henry Judkins is hauling birch timber on the Caribou road to the Mason steam mill.

Martin Stowell is hauling birch to the Mason mill.

FLORENCE M. L.

EAST ANDOVER.

The steam mill shut down last week for repairs and want of birch.

School in district No. 3, taught by Sadie Farrar, closes this week.

C. A. Farrington has engaged to cut a lot of birch for the steam mill.

J. A. Taylor is peddling fish and oysters.

Joel Merrill is home from the logging swamps for a few days.

WEST POLAND.

The winter term of school taught by Hattie A. Hooper of Paris Hill, closed Friday, Jan. 21st. Miss H. is a first class teacher, and her work in this place is highly appreciated by the whole community. Forty scholars answered to the roll call this term. We had the privilege of attending the examination at the close of the school and was amused to see a class of little ones, four years old, point out the different countries of North America on the map, and was also pleased to see what ability and promptness the problems were worked out by the large scholars on the board. There has in former times been trouble in this school, but Miss H. has the peculiar faculty of keeping perfect order and a model school. She has left the names of those who have not been absent for a day during the term. Ernest Archabald, Alice Archabald, Annie Megquire, Sadie Russell, Frank Russell, Ernest Dudley, Jamie Fernald, Mellie Fernald, four years old, Clarance Storer, Melvill Storer, Amy Goodwin.

George Russell, one of our farmers, instead of paying seventy-five dollars for a sleigh, has made one himself. He worked very quietly and rather on the sly for a few weeks, and people began to wonder at his seclusion when one day he appeared out with his new sleigh, which will compare very favorably with the sleighs now in use and does great credit to the builder.

T. S. Megquire has been sick for a few weeks but is now improving.

Stephen Fogg is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Albert Knight is about moving to Portland.

Albert Quimby has moved his family from Brunswick to this place.

WATERFORD.

Addison Millett found last Tuesday morning that his black mare had one hind leg broken, supposed to have been done by his colt which was in the stall next to her.

A. G. Morse has gone to Boston to spend a few days.

Miss M. E. Millett has just closed a very successful term of ten weeks school in the Plummer district. She has had much experience, this being her twenty-third term. Miss Millett is one of our best teachers.

C. M. Billings got one of his legs hurt the other day while cutting down a tree.

F. M. Atherton has commenced to haul his year's supply of wood.

C. M. Billings met with a severe accident one day last week while at work in the woods cutting timber for J. Howe. He had a tree fall on him bruising his thigh and spraining his ankle badly.

Daniel Brown was at home over Sunday.

Carrie Knight is visiting in Boston for a few weeks.

We understand the Porter homestead is for sale. A good location for a summer boarding house.

BRYANT'S POND.

Mrs. A. S. Bowker of Auburn, is stopping at the Glen Mt. House for the winter.

B. K. Stearns is sick and the prospect of his recovery is doubtful.

Mrs. Cynthia Bryant, widow of Alexander Bryant, died Monday morning after an illness of several weeks aged about 77 years.

The Masquerade Party that was to be held at Bryant's Pond Feb. 4, is postponed.

LOVELL.

Died in Lovell Jan. 18th, Mrs. John Walker. Mrs. Walker and her husband celebrated their golden wedding less than two years before her death. She was sick but a few days with pneumonia.

Dr. Haven Harriman and wife are in town, called here by the death of Mrs. Harriman's mother. Dr. H. is located at North Sandwich, N. H., where he has a good practice.

OXFORD.

William H. Cummings formerly of this village and for several years so favorably known as our village barber, died at South Windham, Jan. 8th, after a lingering and painful illness, aged about 38 years. His remains were carried to South Paris for burial.

W. A. Emery has moved to the Hackett stand near the covered bridge.

Our schools are flourishing finely. Our new teacher, Mr. Prescott appears to be the right man in the right place, sparing no pains and showing no favoritism as has been complained of heretofore. Miss Phillips' reputation is too well established to require comment. We think one great detriment to the advancement of our village schools has ever been the multitude of entertainments and amusements, which serve to detract the attention of the whole school from their studies. Another is a lack of interest on the part of parents, many of whom are so engrossed with the cares of business and labor as to hardly give the matter even a thought, allowing the children to follow the bent of their own inclination and go school with their pockets filed with dime novels and other trashy reading with which the country is filled. These things have ever been and we suppose ever will be; but don't cast reflections on the teacher if our schools don't come up to the standard.

The toboggan craze has reached Oxford. A chute has been constructed at Lower California on Sandy Heights and a juvenile club organized with Samuel Y. Tripp, president and Genie T. Young, secretary and treasurer. Now we don't know what the duty of the president is, or whether he holds the power of veto, or has to be sworn in or give bonds, or any thing about it; but one thing we do know the chute is full of pitch-poles and crooked turns, an the club makes awful noises especially Sundays.

The Oxford Gun Club proposes to hold a bench show some time this spring.

Several posters are posted about town announcing that Dr. W. R. Farris has opened an office at the head of Barker's avenue, splinter pulling a specialty.

The January thaw has come to an end and left the traveling wretched.

Cyrus T. Wardwell has a very fine colt seven months old sired by A. G. Hinds' well known stallion.

James Watson has moved to Worcester Mass.

A. S. Fuller has returned from the lake region.

The dance here Saturday night was well attended. Quite a number were present from Norway.

ROXBURY.

Amasa Richards, who has been ailing for a long time, is very low.

Maud Soule, from the New England hospital at Roxbury, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. L. Weeks of this place.

C. H. Philbrick has been drawn juryman to attend the supreme court at Paris next month.

SOUTH CASCO.

W. H. Rolfe has returned from Portland.

W. H. Jordan is about to remove to Brewer.

Mary J. Graffam is about to remove to Kansas where she will be united in marriage with an eastern gentleman.

J. H. Graffam and wife are visiting at her father's at South Bridgton.

Grace O. Day having finished her school is at home at present.

Sam Fogg froze both his feet last week while at work for Mr. Sposede.

The Salvation meeting at the Radoux house last week was well attended and all seemed well pleased and we hope more of the same kind may be yet in store for us in the future.

Sam Skinner is driving team for Mr. Meserve on the Gay farm.

DIXFIELD.

The snow has settled more than one-half its depth.

A. H. Stockbridge has bought one-half interest in M. W. Kilgore's teaming business between Canton and Dixfield.

The students of Dixfield Academy with the help of their well known teacher, A. D. Park, are preparing to give an exhibition at the close of the winter term.

L. V. Brackett is reported on the sick list.

Chas. Peck is on the sick list.

A. W. Smith advertises his stand for sale. He intends to move to Saco as soon as he can sell or rent his stand. He has a situation in business offered him there.

BETHEL.

Corliss, the photographer, is making some nice work in Bethel. He took the Paris Dramatic Club in a group very nicely and the inside of several stores; also Mr. Robinson's little son in the coffin.

Scott Robinson's little son died Monday.

Ernest Turner got into a bad scrape in the new jeweler's shop the other day, which came near being a case in court. Ernest smashed a square of glass after being turned out of the store and cut his hand badly.

Wm. and Oliver H. Mason settled with Lewiston Steam Mill for 27½ per cent., losing $1250 apiece. Charles P. Bartlett lost $2300, N. Trask $2000, Robert Hastings, $3000.

Mr. Butterfield, the boarding house keeper at the Bethel Steam Mill, struck Hiram Higgins the crazy man with a poker, cutting his face badly, and Jerome Sanborn and others had Butterfield arrested. The case is to be tried shortly.

The town has raised five hundred dollars more to finish up the chair factory, making eight thousand five hundred dollars in all.

SWAN'S HILL.—The snow is nearly three feet deep and the roads are drifted badly.

Orlando Buck has raised the past season 1,475 bushels of potatoes. He is hauling logs this winter.

Elmer D. Cole is at work in the woods for Messrs. Peabody & White.

The other night Rev. William C. Stevens fed his horses as usual. The next morning he found one of them dead. She had eaten about half of her supper and laid down. The bedding under her was not out of place.

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ANDOVER.

Bartlett the jeweler will be at Andover Feb. 2d, full line of watches, jewelry, etc.

William Gregg has bought the late Captain Goold's span of black horses.

A. W. Thomas and wife with their son have returned from Boston.

J. W. Eaton has mostly recovered from his late sickness.

George P. Thomas has without exception, the best blooded two-year-old colt in the village. He is a fine fellow. Mr. T. has given him the name of Prince Albert. He is of a chestnut color, was foaled June 13th, 1885, and stood when one year old fourteen high and weighed 700 pounds. He is at the present time 19 months old and stands fifteen and one-half hands high and weighs 925 pounds. He was sired by Albino, he by Almont, dam by Harvey Knox, he by General Knox; grand dam Howe's Bismark, he by General Knox; great grand dam of Messenger descent.

C. E. Cushman has returned from Camp Whitney where he has been hauling wood for his brother Albert.

Monday night was a breezy one.

Most of the choppers in the woods will be coming out next week.

Chas. Dresser has the fastest stepping colt in the village.

The newly organized choir of the Congregationalist society comprises the following members: Mrs. W. W. Barnes, Mrs. T. Hastings, soprano; Minnie A. French, alto; William Park, tenor; J. Talbot, organist.

We clip the following from the Lewiston *Journal*: "Snug! well just a trifle!" said the Lewiston man. "I thought I'd seen and heard of snug folks, but this beats me. It was up in A——. An oldish sort of man died up there the other day, after an illness of about three weeks. He had a shock, they said. He was a quiet old fellow. Had been to sea. Had made money and his wife had saved it for him. They say that they didn't use to burn over three feet of wood in a year. A fact! The old gentleman used to hang around in the stores and his wife used to run the house and she run it without any extra wood, and don't you for a moment think that she didn't. She would bundle up in shawls. I'm detailing gossip, but it is on pretty good authority and they do say that after the old man was stricken with paralysis, the old lady said that it was just foolish to be feeding him. 'I don't believe in feeding dead men,' said she, and whenever they lugged in any food she grumbled. They say that a man sitting up with the old man put two sticks of wood in the stove and that she came down stairs and saw that the wood was gone and whisking up the cover took out one of the sticks. She growled about his costing her four dollars a day to keep, and once when the old gentleman's feet were cold and a neighbor, calling there, mentioned the fact and asked for a flannel she didn't move, and that being again asked she went up stairs, brought down an old shirt, flung it at the visitor and said: 'There! you can have that if you want it!' Mean! Well, I should say so. She wouldn't let 'em keep the old gentleman's body in the house over the second night because she would have to hire some one to sit up with it, so she had it started down the river, and it is said that the team with the corpse hung up over night in Rumford in a barn. Slightly snug, you see."

The lyceum which took place at the school house house on Tuesday last, met with great success. The following question was discussed: Resolved that intemperance causes more misery than war. On account of the question taking up so much time, a part of the programme was omitted. We were intending to give the readers of the ADVERTISER the programme of the lyceum, but on account of the question taking up so much unnecessary time, the scoolars were unable to participate in the other exercises as intended. The following was the programme.

Singing by Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Elliott.	
Reading records of last meeting,	Ripley.
Declamation,	Chester Sweat
Recitation,	Rena Hastings
Music,	Miss Miller and Bertie Burgess.
Declamation,	Arthur Meserve.
Reading of paper,	Helen Berry

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That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law;

That a meeting of the creditors of said debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris, in said county on the 16th day of February, A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

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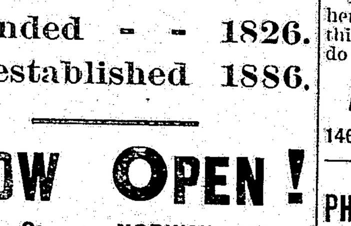

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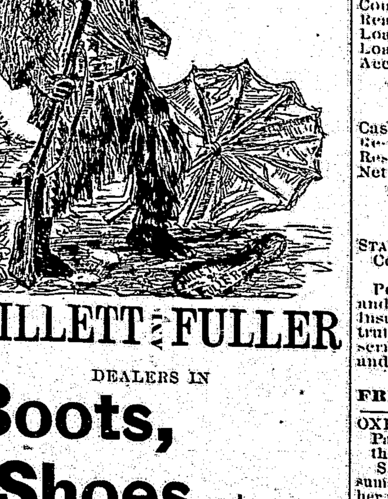
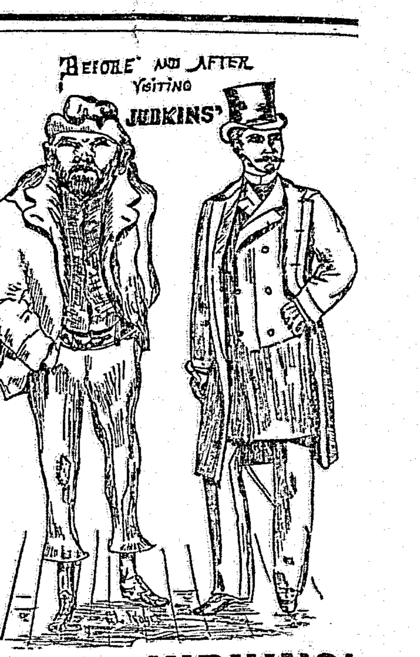


MILLETT & FULLER
DEALERS IN
Boots, Shoes and Rubbers,
112 Main St., - - NORWAY, ME.
P. S.—When in want of good goods, please call and examine.



P. W. JUDKINS'
Clothing Rooms,
132 Main Street,
NORWAY, - - - - MAINE,
AND WHEN HE CAME OUT
He was Dressed in the Correct Style from head to foot.
—AND HE GOT—
His Hat, his Coat, Vest, Suspenders, Underclothes, Overcoat, Collar, Necktie, and Cane at a lower figure than they could have been purchased at any other shop in Oxford County.

JUDKINS
KEEPS THE LARGEST & BEST STOCK
—OF—
Ready-Made Clothing!
Hats, Caps & Gents' Furnishing Goods in town.

—WATCHES,—
CLOCKS & JEWELRY.
When in town visit the new Jewelry Store, in the old Post Office building,
BETHEL, ME.
Special attention paid to the REPAIRING of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.
I have a fine stock of SPECTACLES in steel and gold frames. Call and have your eyes perfectly fitted.
J. PIERCE, Bethel, Me.
3tf Also, SOUTH PARIS, ME.

Power Wood Working Shop!
J. P. DUNHAM,
(at Mixer Shop, near depot,)
IS PREPARED TO BUILD
HEAVY AND LIGHT CARRIAGES!
—of all kinds—
Carriage and Sleigh Repair Work done in good shape and at reasonable prices.
SHOP ON Cottage Street, } 4tf NORWAY, ME.

WE are selling Strawberry Jam in 5 lb. pails, which gives satisfaction every time.—Come and try one.

WE have a nice lot of home tried lard which we will dispose of at a fair price. Send your pail and have it filled.

WE have a new double sided Wash-Board, which we would like to sell, one to every woman in town. They are made stronger, and will last three times as long as any other wash-board made.

A fine line of Confectionery just arrived, and it is fresh and all right. Come and get some before you go to see your girl.

The nicest Florida Oranges for sale here. A nice Raisin for 10c. per lb. at this place. Come and see if we cannot do all we advertise.

A. C. GREENE & CO.,
146 Main Street, NORWAY, ME.

STATEMENT OF THE

PHŒNIX INSURANCE COMPANY,

OF HARTFORD, CONN.,

On the 31st day of December, 1886.

The Capital Stock of the Company, which is all paid in, is $2 000 000 00

THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand, in bank, and with agents	$350 384.22
United States and State stocks and bonds	163 025.32
Hartford bank stock	618.406.00
Miscellaneous bank stocks	354.995.00
Corporation & railroad stocks and bonds	2.059,185.00
County, city, and water bonds	310 750.00
Real estate	210 321.98
Loans on collateral	52,120.00
Loans on real estate	711,650.00
Accumulated int. rest and rents	39,491.09
Total cash assets	$4,709 928.61

LIABILITIES:

Cash capital	$2.000.000.00
Reserve for outstanding losses	203.5?0.30
Reserve for re-insurance	1.483.092 64
Net surplus	1 022,315.67
Total assets	$4,709,628.71

H. KELLOGG, President.
D. W. C. SKILTON, Sec'y.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, County of Hartford. } HARTFORD, Jan. 5, 1887.

Personally appeared, H. Kellogg, President, and D. W. C. Skilton, Secretary, of said Phœnix Insurance Company, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statement, by them subscribed, according to their best knowledge and belief.

Before me, M. N. CLARK, Notary Public.
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FREELAND HOWE, Ag't, Norway, Me.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January A. D. 1887,

SARAH T. WOODSUM, widow of John L. Woodsum, late of Oxford, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the Personal Estate of said deceased.

ORDERED, That the said Petitioner give notice of the same to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, a newspaper printed at Norway, in said county, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, within and for said county, on the third Tuesday of February next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, against the same.

4-6 GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register

Oxford County Advertiser.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1887.

A CARD.

I take this opportunity to extend to my shop-mates and friends my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kind and generous manner they have remembered me in my past sickness. Yours truly, J. M. BUMPUS.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Rip Van Winkle called at Hobbs' store the other day.

Do you want the ADVERTISER for the year to come?

Alonzo Edwards has recovered from his recent sickness.

Bessie, daughter of George Horne, has been very sick.

Rock maple logs are wanted by J. R. & D. S. Sanborn. See ad.

Mrs. Winthrop Stevens has gone to her sister's on Young Hill, Greenwood.

Two small tenements to let on Winter St. Apply to Horace Pike. *46

Dr. Bradbury drives a gay sleigh. The new moon is just rising on the back of it.

G. W. Russell was in town the first of this week.

The Norway Brass Band will play at the coming fair.

Save your money and go to the G. A. R. and S. of V. Fair.

George R. Howe, of New York is in town.

Fine tobogganing at the slide this week. It is well patronized.

Norway Hall will be handsomely decorated for the G. A. R. and S. of V. Fair.

T. G. Goodwin is agent for the best washing machine made. Those who are in need of a good washer should see him.

Remember the corporation meeting next Tuesday evening. Let every body be present.

We want one copy of the ADVERTISER of Sept. 3, 1886, to complete file. Send to this office.

The Fair committee have received a contribution of $5.00 from Maj. John D. Beardsley of Washington, Ark.

J. W. Swan will operate at the Norway Studio all of next week. Call early and get your pictures.

Get your watches of Bartlett and save 25 per cent. Largest stock and lowest prices.

The Norway Water Company are having a grand time thawing out a frozen main at the Falls.

Rev. Mr. Wiswall will speak on Intemperance next Sunday evening, and a week later on Marriage and Divorce.

Meetings at the Methodist church afternoons and evenings this week. Presiding Elder E. T. Adams, presiding.

Some forty ladies and gentlemen from the Good Templars' Lodge visited the Mechanic Falls' Lodge, Tuesday evening.

A school meeting has been called Friday evening to determine at what time the spring term of the schools shall begin.

J. M. Bumpus, who has been very sick with typhoid fever, is able to be out on our streets again. He looks as though the fever had used him pretty rough.

Mrs. F. E. Chase has just received a full line of light kid gloves, embroidered backs and opera shades.

The G. A. R. and S. of V. Fair will conclude with a grand ball Friday evening. Season tickets, good for three nights, 50 cents. Single admission, 25 cents.

Quitting advertising in dull times is like tearing out a dam because the water is low. Either plan will prevent good times from coming.

The Executive Committee of the Oxford County Horse Breeders Association meet on the last Saturdays of December, March, June and September.

Amos F. Noyes and E. H. Brown are at Bath this week as delegates from the G. A. R. Harry Rust Post to the annual Encampment.

If you are to pay in wood we want you to pay at once. Don't delay. Three more cords and then no more will be taken. First come, first served.

We call attention to the advertisement of Fryeburg Academy in another column. The number attending this school in 1886 has been 354 against 134 in 1882.

Uncle Anthony Bennett in remitting the pay for the ADVERTISER another year says that his old hotel stood nearly opposite Dr. Danforth's house.

LaCroquet Rubbers at J. F. Allen's for 25 cents.

E. S. Hammons has sold his horse to Chas. S. Aldrich of Stratford, N. H. Of course he will soon purchase for Hammons without a horse would feel about as discontented as a fish out of water.

A number of our citizens are talking of going to Paris, France, to attend the world's exposition to be held there during the summer.

F. H. Whitman has sold his Summit Spring and 200 acres of land in Harrison for $28,000.00. He reserves his house and 60 acres of land. A Portland Stock Company have made the purchase and are to build a hotel.

One fare on the G. T. Railway from all stations between Portland and Gorham N. H., to Norway. Tickets good to Feb. 12th, to attend the G. A. R. and S. of V. Fair at Norway, Feb. 9th, 10th and 11th.

George Noyes' best drawing adorns the office of Dr. Jones. It represents a smiling doctor with an immense tooth which has just been extracted from a howling subject. On the cut is this legend: "Yell all you want to, my rent is paid."

The successful newspaper advertising agent, C. E. Gosse, who usually visits Norway for a few weeks every summer, has gone south for a brief vacation. Close attention to business and a severe cold made it advisable to take a short rest in a milder clime.

A corporation meeting is called for next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in Engine House Hall to see if the voters will not reconsider the vote whereby the streets are to be lighted by electric lights. In other words to undo what was done at the last corporation meeting.

If you have a toot horn or a stringed instrument that belongs to Abbott please call and see him if there is a month's rent due on it.

The Norway Water Company held its annual meeting last Tuesday evening and the following officers were elected:—W. H. Whitcomb, Pres.; S. D. Andrews, Vice Pres.; W. W. Whitmarsh, Treas.; H. D. Smith, Sec.; Directors, H. L. Horne, H. M. Bearce, A. F. Andrews, C. N. Tubbs and C. L. Hathaway.

The Mendelssohn Quartette of Lewiston have been engaged for the opening night of the Fair, Feb. 9th. As a male quartette they are without a rival in this State and have but few in New England. Their appearance here last winter assures them of a large audience; for whoever listens to them once will always do so the second time.

The many friends of Arthur French will be pleased to learn of his good prospects of a complete recovery of his health in Colorado. The sudden changes in the weather are as great there as here, but the atmosphere is more rarified and dryer and doesn't affect one so much as in New England. Mr. French is one of the few of our rising young men, who has not an enemy in all the world.

Mens' Im. Sandals at Allen's for 45 cents and misses rubber boots for 50 cts. at John F. Allen's, Norway, Me.

A. S. Kimball, Geo. L. Beal, John L. Horne, W. H. Whitcomb, Freeland Howe, Geo. P. Jones, Samuel R. Knowland, Albion Hersey, Geo. A. Cole, C. E. Richardson, Geo. C. Norsworthy, Henry L. Drake, C. D. Waters, B. F. Bradbury, H. D. Smith, Charles E. Holt, Charles L. Hathaway, C. S. Tucker, Alfred K. Paul, and A. P. Bassett are the Knights Templar of this village who give the Knights Templar Reception Wednesday evening, Feb. 2d.

A project has been started up in town to have the highway between the village and Norway Lake lighted with electricity. It is a good idea as this piece of highway is probably travelled more than any of the same distance in Oxford County, and in dark nights some localities require lighting. It is thought that five or six lights costing about $200 would be amply sufficient. If the up town people want it at the town's expense, we are confident that no one in the village will oppose them. There will be no coercion from this quarter in any public matter.

Daniel Brown, esq., the representative from Waterford was in town Saturday.

The genuine Lenox soap can be had at G. W. Hobbs' store, 22 bars for $1.

Fishing through the ice in our lake doesn't appear to have been much of a success this winter.

Gallery tickets for the Knights Templar Reception for sale at Crockett's Drug Store. All seats reserved.

G. A. R. and S. of V. Fair 9th, 10th and 11th of Feb., don't forget it.

Forty-three intentions of marriage have been entered on record in the town clerk's office since March 1st, 1886.

N. T. Shaw of Buckfield, but better known in that vicinity as "Squire Yerkel," was in town Tuesday.

The officers and trustees' meeting of the Oxford County Agricultural Society is adjourned till this next Saturday.

LaCroquet Goss rubbers for 25 cts. at Allen's.

A number of ladies are attending a private dancing school at New Grange Hall. The school is in session afternoons under the instruction of J. H. Haselton.

The Grange property here is said to pay the best of anything in town. We have an excellent class of farmers and they deserve to prosper.

The pleasant weather Tuesday brought out the farmers in full force. We counted fourteen ox and horse teams with wood at one time on Main street.

Dr. Noyes is starting in well in the practice of medicine here. He lives at the Lake but has an office in New Grange Block.

S. S. Stearns is one of the best story-tellers in town. He has scarcely a rival in this respect, except it may be C. F. Lord.

If enough subscribers can be obtained the Boston Sunday papers can be had here on the same day of publication by running a team to Lewiston. So. Paris, Oxford and Me. Falls could be supplied as well.

D. S. Davis is a pretty good weather prophet. During a very cold day last week, he confidently declared that there would be rain within a week or he should tear up his almanac, and sure enough it came Monday.

Mrs. C. E. Holt has some fine house plants which attract the attention of every passer by. Nothing looks prettier than green leaves and blossoms in windows fronting the street during the winter season.

On the list of voters made by the selectmen of Norway Aug. 1881 there are 734 names. Of that number 70 have died and 149 left town, and yet there are over 800 names on the list at the present time, showing a gain withal the changes.

C. H. Witt has a good farm situated about a mile north of this village on the road to the Millett neighborhood. On his place is a log house built by his grandfather, Benj. Witt the first blacksmith in town, and probably the oldest building in Norway.

With the coming of spring pipe connecting with the water works will have to be laid on the new street north of Crescent. We noticed lumber on two lots where houses will be built as soon as the snow is off.

So far this month the number of storms has been unprecedented. During three days last week there was a change of sixty degrees from arctic to warm weather and back again. It was like the swinging of a pendulum.

Haselton's assemblies in Norway Hall every Friday evening are well attended. There was a large party in the hall last Friday evening and no doubt there will be another one this (Friday) evening. Good music.

Every one is interested in the G. A. R. and S. of V. Fair.

The Ladies Universalist Circle will meet at Concert Hall Tuesday afternoon and evening. Work for the ladies in the afternoon. There will be a Calico Party and Promenade in the evening. The ladies are requested to wear calico dresses and the gentlemen calico neckties. Supper at 6:30. All are very cordially invited.

The Portland *Sunday Times* says:—"The Knights Templar of Norway will give a grand reception on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2d. We understand that a special train will be run from Lewiston, to convey the fraters and their ladies from that city and Auburn. There will also be a large delegation from this city. The Knights of Norway and vicinity are preparing for a grand good time, and from what we know of the most efficient committee in charge, we are sure that their plans will be most successfully carried out."

"Tobogganing is the biggest thing out," said one of Norway's best known and influential citizens a day or two ago. "Why it is better for a man that's ailing than all the doctors in town in my opinion. You see I'd been sick for some time, scarcely able to keep about and growing worse right along till I concluded I'd got to give up my business. That night I started out to find a doctor to put myself under his care, but on my way I met a friend who insisted on my going to the slide. I climbed to the top more dead than alive and down we went. Whew, wasn't I scared! It almost took my breath away. But it was fun though. I slid again and again, enjoyed it more and more and grew better and better till I went home a well man. It tell you what 'tis just the best thing to shake up a man and stir up his liver."

The following is Sexton Jona. Whitehouse's record of those who have been buried by him from Jan'y 14, 1886 to Jan'y 21, 1887:

THOSE HAVING DIED IN NORWAY.

Mrs. DeAlbra Proctor.
Child of Orrin Stiles.
Child of Albert Richardson.
Child of E. Millett.
Child of C. W. Chase.
Mrs. Rhoda Linnell.
Mrs. Eliza Barrows.
Blanche Buck.
Mrs. Mighill Mason.
Child of Mr. Johnson.
Helen Andrews.
Elmer Bacon.
Joseph Bullen.
Henry Pike.
Child of Clif. Hall.
Child of —— Johnson.
Mrs. Almira Crooker.
David Knapp.
Henry Hosmer.
Child of Jere Cragin.
L. B. Weeks.
Seth Pike.
Ella Crooker.
Mrs. Sally Millett.
Jacob Tubbs.
Albert Stiles.
Thos. G. Brooks.

THOSE BROUGHT HERE FOR INTERMENT.

Mrs. Eleanor Smith, Frost Corner.
Mary Hazelton, North Norway.
Mrs. Lydia Howe, North Paris.
Child of Geo. Tubbs, Gorham, N. H.
Child of —— Hazelton, North Norway.
Joseph Perkins, Oxford.
Mrs. Lucy Stevens, Mass.
Mrs. Huldah Bemis, Mechanic Falls.
Samuel Hale, Bangor.
Andrew Hazelton, Paris.
Eben W. Hobbs, Mass.
Child of —— Mixer, Paris.
Mrs. Esther Cotton, Conway, N. H.
Mrs. James Deering, Paris.
John L. Woodsum, Oxford.
Son of Lewis Lovejoy, N. Y.
Child of W. S. Meserve, Waterford.
Wm. S. Cummings, Windham, Me.
Ferd. Ross, Gorham, N. H.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford County Trotting Horse Breeders' Association at Bearce & Stearns' office last Saturday the following officers were elected:—Pres., Dr. G. W. Brown, Norway; 1st Vice Pres., N. W. Thomas, Oxford; 2nd Vice Pres., G. W. Horne, Norway; 3d Vice Pres., Geo. P. Young, Norway; Sec., F. A. Thayer, South Paris; Treas., H. M. Bearce, Norway. Members of Executive Committee, W. N. Thomas, Oxford; A. F. Andrews, Norway; A. T. Maxim, So. Paris; G. W. Horne, Norway; G. W. Brown, Norway; C. E. Freeman, Norway; J. L. Parker, Stoneham; G. P. Young, Norway; D. M. Foster, Canton; John Robinson, Oxford; George D. Bisbee, Buckfield; Thomas D. Emery, Harrison; W. J. Wheeler, So. Paris; J. W. Thompson, Canton. It was voted that the association publish a list of the members and their record and pedigree of stallions and brood mares owned in Oxford County, also Harrison, Bridgton and Otisfield. That the annual trot should occur on the Oxford County Agricultural Fair Grounds between Norway and South Paris on the third Wednesday of next August. Price of admission 25 cents. The premiums are to be awarded on the stake plan. Nominations made and entry fees paid in the two, three and four years old races before June first. These horses must be owned in the Association district. The 2:35 to 2:50 class is open to all horses which have a record from 2:35 to 2:50. In this class $5 nominations on or before June 1; $5 during July, and $5 at starting. Eight or more to enter, four to start.

Corporation Meeting.

So many people were anxious to be present at the corporation meeting of Monday evening that the capacity of Engine House Hall was insufficient and an adjournment was made to Norway Hall. Mr. Burkett explained the system of lighting by electricity and the expense.

It was voted almost unanimously to contract for seventeen street lights at an annual expense of $600. The lights to be located by the board of assessors with the assistance of Mr. Burkett. More lights can be had by paying a pro-rata price per light. Good judges are of the opinion that 17 lights will be sufficient for the present.

The contract between the Corporation and the Electric Light Company has been made and the locating of lights and the stringing of the wire is next in order.

SOUTH PARIS.

Religious meetings are being held on every Sabbath at Linscott's Hall at 2 p. m. and every Wednesday evening at half-past seven o'clock. The prayers of all Christians are requested that the interest already begun in this neighborhood may increase until every family shall be saved.

On account of the Benefit for the G. A. R., the ladies' circle were obliged to postpone their supper and entertainment to Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st. Songs and tableaux from the Cantata Ruth will be given under the direction of Mrs. Geo. A. Wilson.

Last week was a stormy week and business and travel was much impeded thereby.

Many of our workmen are much gratified with the numerous labor bills presented to the legislature. Many parts of the ten hour bill are much praised, especially the non-employment of children under twelve years of age and the employment of minors under fifteen more than eight months in a year. Most of them favor a Commissioner of Labor; but most of them think he ought to be elected by workingmen and not appointed by the governor. The Noble weekly payment bill is also favorbly received.

Fred Stevens for several years past a teacher in the South, is visiting his native town.

Many of our people seem to have a horn craze. We have seem many pairs of polished and mounted buffalo horns, and also those of the humbler bovine variety.

A co-operative loan association is in contemplation at Norway. Why not one in this village?

The postal notes now issued from this post-office are made payable at any money order office instead of a designated one as heretofore.

Dwight Wise is a proficient performer on the cornet. He has been taking lessons of Prof. Burnham.

Many of our citizens are interested in Rev. Alex Wiswall's Sunday evening talks at Norway on every day topics.

Here, as everywhere else the toboggan craze continues. Many of our prominent citizens have bought some of these foreign vehicles. All one hears in the street and in houses is toboggan, to—

"In a chair by a window a little half wit,
Sang 'Toboggan, Toboggan, Toboggan,'
And I said to him, 'Imbecile, why do you sit,
Singing 'Boggan, Toboggan, Toboggan?'
That you're weak in your intellect, all know,' cried,
'And your head has scant brain in its little inside.'
With a shake and a shrug the poor idiot replied
'Toboggan, Toboggan, Toboggan.'"
"But soon all fools will have got thro' their rush,
Or will perish because of the crowd and the crush,
And then all men of sense will exclaim, 'Now, you hush
With your 'Boggan, Toboggan, Toboggan.'"

We understand there is a project on foot at Norway to heat the business portion with steam from a battery of boilers situated in a central portion of the village. There is no reason why the thickly settled portion of this village should not be heated in this manner. Houses ought to be heated at a much less expense than by individual heating.

A. S. Twitchell, esq., of Gorham, N. H., was in town last week.

The Paris Hill Dramatic Company present their drama "Comrades" at New Hall in this village Thursday evening, too late for a report in the ADVERTISER.

We are sorry to announce the death of Lizzie E. Morse. Miss Morse was an exemplary young lady and will be much missed in this village. Relatives and friends have the sympathy of the community.

Rev. E. T. Adams delivered his lecture on "Luck vs. Pluck" in the Methodist church last Saturday evening.

The well known Morse stand on Hill street is offered for sale.

Quarterly meeting was held at the Methodist church last Saturday.

Abijah Hall lost a valuable grade Jersey cow last week.

Lyman D. Morse of Bates Advertising Agency was in this, his native village last week.

Rev. W. A. Barrows, who supplies the Baptist pulpit in this village, gave a lecture in Buckfield last week entitled, "Strength and Beauty of Character."

BUCKFIELD.

The first lecture in the course was given on Wednesday eve, Jan. 16th, by Rev. W. E. Barrows of Lewiston, subject, "Strength and Beauty in Character." It was a splended lecture and very interesting. Rev. Mr. Barrows is an uncommonly good speaker, and all who listened to him were pleased. Our next lecture will be on Wednesday, Jan. 26th, by Rev. C. L. Libby of Lewiston. Subject, "The West."

There is an aged couple living in our village that have been married sixty-two years, Jan. 18th. The wife was eighty-two years old on that day and they were to have their wedding day celebrated, but the cold and storm prevented.

Phillips, the apple man from Providence, R. I., loaded two cars of apples last Monday and Tuesday, to go to his place.

We are very glad to see Mrs. Angie, widow of the late I. C. Morrill of this village, once more in our midst.

Salvation Army have been here and gone.

The farmers here are talking of putting in a butter factory.

BYRON.

Will Randall has gone to No. 6, to work in the woods for Geo. Staples. Geo. Thomas takes his place cutting poplar for L. S. Rundlett.

A. S. Young was drawn juryman, Jan. 15th, to attend the February term of court at Paris.

Greenlief Hodgdon has returned from a long gum trip in this state and New Hampshire. He peddled out about three hundred pounds of refined gum while gone.

Samuel Witham sold his horse to Geo. Staples, last week, for one hundred dollars.

A. B. Bartlett, who was sent to Portland jail for robbing the Byron post office, will be released next Sunday, Jan. 30th. He will probably go to Boston.

Gib. Hodsdon and Alf. Jinkins have returned from gumming, they report the snow about three feet deep in the woods, which makes the snow-shoeing very hard. H.

WEST PARIS.

C. H. Lane is selling many rare bargains in clothing, underwear, hats, caps, boots and shoes and shop worn goods.

Mr. Roscoe Tuell has bought in Winthrop lately and drove home two fine Jersey heifers.

Ethan Willis recently killed a two years old steer that dressed 800 lbs.

S. B. Locke, esq., has sold to Vermont parties his fine Jersey bull, but has reserved his services until fall to our farmers. The bull will be at Roscoe Tuell's until next September for the benefit of the farmers and others in this vicinity.

The many friends of our enterprising young merchant, L. B. Andrews, gave him a very pleasant surprise Saturday evening, Jan. 22, on the the anniversary of his thirty-first birthday. Mr. Andrews was entirely ignorant of what was going on until he was called from his store to meet in his sister's, Mrs. Ramsdell's, parlor some forty of his many friends with their congratulations and many good wishes for his present and future happiness. That lovely girl was present. J. W. Ramsdell unbeknown to Mr. Andrews had provided a birthday cake and a collation of the good things and coffee worthy of the occasion.

Our people will do well to remember and be present at the large auction sale of dry and fancy goods at L. B. Andrews' store next Saturday afternoon, Jan. 29. This will be one of the few opportunities to buy goods at their own prices.

The officers of Granite Lodge F. & A. M., West Paris, were installed Jan. 26, by Past Master F. H. Packard.

Died at West Paris, Thursday night, Jan. 20th, Mrs. Amantha Curtis, wife of Emerson Curtis, aged 36 years. Mrs. C. has been in poor health for some time, and has complained frequently of severe pains in her head. Some three or four weeks ago she suddenly felt a severe pain in her head and called to her husband, when he got to her he found her in convulsions and immediately summoned a physician, who at the time regarded her case as very critical. After a few days she began to rally and with the exception of a partial paralysis of her speech, her recovery was probable. The day she died was one of her best days since her first attack. At the time of her death she got up in bed all at once, placed her hands to her head and with a peculiar noise went into an unconcious condition in which she died in about two hours afterwards. Mr. Curtis has the deep sympathy of this community in his severe affliction. She leaves two children, a boy and a girl, who go to Massachusetts to live with an uncle and aunt.

At a regular meeting of the stock holders of our butter factory, Thursday, Jan. 20th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. J. Abbott, president; S. B. Locke, secretary; L. B. Andrews, treasurer. A. J. Curtis was appointed selling agent for the company; John Small, H. W. Dunham and G. G. Dowe were chosen directors. The business out-look for the company is very flattering for the year of 1887. A. J. Curtis represents the company at Auburn to meet other representatives from different parts of the State in the interests of dairying in Maine.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale at Noyes Drug Store.

WELCHVILLE.

Callin Gilbert has just filled King & Holmes' ice house, at Welchville, and has contracted to fill one for Cyrus Chaplin, and one for James Walker.

S. E. King and the Harper Manufacturing Co. have been making an exchange of interests in real estate recently. The company now own the Dodge place and Mr. King the Crosby place. There is a prospect that the company will erect some new houses for its help in the spring.

A petition is being passed around for signers asking the legislature for legislation that will give more complete suppression of the liquor traffic, and especially the sale of cider for tippling purposes.—Quite a number have already signed.

The Salvation Army has been here at work.

The French Catholics held a meeting here, Sunday.

Services at the M. E. church were conducted by Rev. J. M. Ruffam. Religious interest is quite deeply felt. Members of the Christian Union, from Mechanic Falls, are assisting the pastor in a series of meetings.

A huge derrick-pole fell and severely injured the foot of mechanical engineer E. R. Hoyt at the New Orleans Exposition, and after only three applications of St. Jacobs Oil, all the swelling and pain disappeared.

Schools in town are prospering under the management of Superior Edwards.

An End to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or my leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well." Electric Bitters are sold at fifty cents a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25 cents a box, at Noyes' Drug Store.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a regular meeting of Pennesseewassee Lodge No. 18, K. of P., the following Resolutions were adopted:—

WHEREAS, our Friend and Brother, Wm. H. Cummings has been removed from our midst by a dispensation of Providence.

Therefore be it resolved, that as a cherished and beloved Brother will no more meet with and aid us by his wise counsels and zealous work, we as a Lodge will draw closer together in the fraternal bonds that unite us and will ever strive to emulate his many noble qualities and cherish his memory in our midst.

WHEREAS, in view of the great loss we have sustained by the death of our Brother and Friend and of the still greater loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we deeply mourn the loss of our Brother we cannot forget that there are others who are bound to him by nearer and dearer ties and to the family of the deceased, which is thus bereft of its chief counselor and support, we extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their hour of affliction.

Resolved, That a page of the records of the Lodge be lined on the margin with black and name, age, demise and when made a Knight of Pythias be placed thereon.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions attested by the K. of R. & S. and having the Seal of the Lodge be presented to the widow of our late Brother.

G. E. LASSELLE, B. F. BRADBURY, E. E. MILLETT, } Committee on Resolutions.

BIRTHS.

In Bethel, Jan. 12, to the wife of Orlando A. Buck, a son.

In Rumford, Jan. 12, to the wife of G. B. Hoyt, a daughter.

In Roxbury, Jan. 21, to the wife of H. F. McInnis, a son.

In Hebron, Jan. 23, to the wife of Henry K. Stearns, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

In Gilead, Jan., by Rev. A. L. Gridley, Chas. F. Boober and Edith L. Bennett, both of Gilead.

In Livermore, Jan. 17, by Rev. M. K. Mabry, Caleb E. Mendall and Clara S. Tyler, both of Hartford.

In Whitinsville, Mass., Dec. 18, Geo. M. Brown of Whitinsville and Ella A. Winslow of East Dixfield.

In Bethel, Jan. 16, by Rev. B. Foster, Wallace Farwell of Bethel and Aglena F. Sanders of Albany.

In Hartford, Jan. 20, by Rev. J. M. Follett, Benjamin Y. Benson and Lillian M. Irish, both of Hartford.

DEATHS.

In Kezar Falls, Jan. 16, Lizzie, aged 19 years, 1 month and 22 days; Jan. 18, Hattie, aged 14 years, 6 months, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jamin Sargent.

In West Poland, Jan. 12, Mrs. Mary Bailey, aged 84 years, 2 months.

In Augusta, Jan. 13, Mrs. E. P. Wing, formerly of Canton.

In Bolster's Mills, Jan. 13, Clara, daughter of Daniel Scribner, aged 53 years.

In Kennebunk, Jan. 12, J. Alberta Warren, formerly of Hiram, aged 24 years.

In Denmark, Jan. 17, Mrs. Susie Giles.

In South Paris, Jan. 20, Lizzie E. Morse, aged 25 years, 6 months, 2 days.

In Lovell, Jan. 18, Mrs. John Walker, aged 72 years.

In Albany, Jan. 18, Haven Hutchinson, aged 78 years; also Edward Jordan, aged 56 years.

In Baldwin, Jan. 21, Artemas Richardson, formerly of Hiram, aged about 83 years.

In Fryeburg, Jan. 21, Nancy K. Buswell, aged 83 years, 2 months.

In Gilead, Jan. 17, Rosa Robertson, aged about 20 years.

In North Woodstock, Jan. 21, Mrs. Sarah A. Gallison, aged about 69 years.

In Bryant's Pond, Jan. 24, Mrs. Cynthia Bryant, aged about 77 years.

In Fryeburg, Jan. 22, Wyman Jones, aged 42 years.

In West Paris, Jan. 20, Mrs. Emerson Curtis, aged 36 years.

In South Paris, Jan. 13, Mrs. Esther Royal.

In Wilson's Mills, Jan. 13, Royal Ray, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Bennett.

In Durham, Jan. 19, Wm. B. Bennett, formerly of Buckfield, aged 76 years, 4 months, 21 days. Also same day, his wife, Mrs. Mary G. Bennett, aged 62 years, 2 months.

In South Paris, Jan. 26, Claudius Crockett, aged about 27 years.

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OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D 1887.

On the petition of MELVILLE MONROE, Administrator of the estate of Josiah Monroe, late of Waterford in said county, deceased praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate described in his petition on file in the Probate Office, at an advantageous offer of four hundred and seventy-five dollars:

ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of his petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, a newspaper printed at Norway, in said county, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

4-6 GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

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Mrs. Mary A. Cator, Widow of the late Dr. Harvey Cator, Camden, N. J.
Mrs. Mary A. Doughty, Jamaica, Long Island, New York.
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An Eccentric Character.

In Stanstead, C. E. once lived a very peculiar individual, who kept a public house. Fifteen years before he died he purchased his coffin which he kept up stairs or in a garret as a receptacle for beans, etc. His wife died and he caused the following inscription to be placed on the family tombstone:

"Here lies Tim and Nancy,
Who for hotel-keeping took a fancy.
Where Nance is gone no one can tell;
But surely Tim has gone to h—l."

THE RED ACORN.

BY JOHN M'ELROY,
Author of "Andersonville," Etc.

"There, that'll keep you off duty to-morrow. After that, we'll see what can be done."

Julius arrived with the cigars as tardily as if he had to cross a Rubicon in the back room. Two were lighted, and the surgeon settled himself for a chat.

"Have you become tired of soldier life?" asked he, studying Harry's face for the effect of the question.

"I cannot say that I have become tired of it," said Harry, frankly, "because I must admit that I never had the slightest inclination to it. I had less fancy for becoming a soldier than for any other honorable pursuit that you could mention."

"Then you only joined the army"——

"From a sense of duty merely," said Harry, knocking the ashes from his cigar.

"And the physical and other discomforts now begin to weigh nearly as much as that sense of duty?"

"Not at all. It only seems to me that there are more of them than are absolutely essential to the performance of that duty. I want to be of service to the country, but I would prefer that that service be not made unnecessarily onerous."

"I can make your lot in the service easier," said Dr. Denslow.

"Indeed! How so?"

"By having you appointed my hospital steward. I have not secured one yet, and the man who is acting as such is so intemperate that I feel a fresh sense of escape with every day that passes without his mistaking the oxalic acid for Epsom salts, to the destruction of some earnest but constipated young patriot's whole digestive viscera.

"If you accept this position," continued the surgeon, flinging away his refractory cigar in disgust, and rising to get a fresh one, "you will have the best rank and pay of any non-commissioned officer in the regiment; better, indeed, than that of second lieutenant. You will have your quarters here with me, and be compelled to associate with no one but me, thus reducing your disagreeable companions at a single stroke, to one. And you will escape finally from all subserviency to Lieut. Pancake, or indeed to any other officer in the regiment, except your humble servant. As to food, you will mess with me."

"Those are certainly very strong inducements," said Harry, meditating upon the delightfulness of relief from the myriad of rasping little annoyances which rendered every day of camp life an affliction.

"Yes, and still farther, you will never need to go under fire, or expose yourself to danger of any kind, unless you choose to."

Harry's face crimsoned to the hue of the western sky where the sun was just going down. He started to answer hotly, but an understanding of the surgeon's evident kindness and sincerity interposed to deter him. He knew there was no shaft of sarcasm hidden below this plain speech, and after a moment's consideration he said:

"I am very grateful, I assure you, for your kindness in this matter. I am strongly tempted to accept your offer, but there are still stronger reasons why I should decline it."

"May I ask your reasons?"

"My reasons for not accepting the appointment?"

"Yes, the reasons which impel you to prefer a dinner of bitter herbs, under Mr. Pancake's usually soiled thumb, to a stalled ox and my profitable society," said the surgeon, gayly.

Harry hesitated a moment, and then decided to speak frankly. "Yes," he said, "your kindness gives you the right to know. To not tell you would show a lack of gratitude. I made a painful blunder before in not staying unflinchingly with my company. The more I think of it, the more I regret it, and the more I am decided not to repeat it, but abide by my comrades and share their fate in all things. I feel that I no longer have a choice in the matter; I must do it. But there goes the drum for roll call. I must go. Good evening, and very many thanks."

"The young fellow's no callow milksop, after all," said Surgeon Denslow, as his eyes followed Harry's retreating form. "His gristle is hardening into something like his stern old father's backbone."

CHAPTER IX.

ON THE MARCH.

The regiment made its first step on Kentucky soil with a little bit of pardonable ostentation. Every one looked upon it as the real beginning of its military career. When the transport was securely tied up at the wharf the colonel mounted his horse, drew his sword, placed himself at the head of the regiment, and gave the command "Forward." Eleven hundred superb young fellows, marching four abreast, with bayonets fixed and muskets at "right shoulder shift," strode up the bank after him and went into line of battle at the top, where he made a short, soldierly speech, the drums rolled, the colors dipped, the men cheered, and the band played "Star Spangled Banner" and "Dixie."

Three years later the two hundred survivors of this number, returning from their "veteran furlough," without a band and with their tattered colors carefully cased, came off a transport at the same place, without uttering a word other than a little grumbling at the trouble of disposing of some baggage, marched swiftly and silently up the bank, and disappeared before any one fairly realized that they were there. So much had time and war taught them.

"Now our work may be said to be fairly begun," said the colonel, turning from the contemplation of his regiment and scanning anxiously the tops of the distant line of encircling hills, as if he expected to see there signs of the Confederates in strong force. All the rest imitated his example, and studied the horizon solicitously. "And I expect we shall have plenty of it!" continued the colonel.

"No doubt of that," answered the major. "They say the Confederates are filling Kentucky with troops, and going to fight for every foot of the old dark and bloody ground. I think we will have to earn all we get of it."

"To-day's papers report," joined in Surgeon Denslow, "that Gen. Sherman says it will take 200,000 troops to redeem Kentucky."

"Yes," broke in the colonel testily, "and the same papers agree in pronouncing Sherman crazy. But no matter how many or how few it takes. That's none of our affair. We've got 1,100 good men in ranks, and we're going to do all that 1,100 good men can do. God Almighty and Abe Lincoln have got to take care of the rest."

It will be seen that the colonel was a very practical soldier.

For days the regiment marched steadily on through the wonderfully lovely Blue Grass region, toward the interior of the state, without coming into the neighborhood of any organized body of the Confederates.

The turnpike, hard and smooth as a city pavement, wound over and around romantic hills—hills crowned with cedar and evergreen laurel, and scarred with cliffs and caverns. It passed through forests, aromatic with ripening nuts and changing leaves, and glorious in the colors of early autumn. Then its course would traverse farms of gracefully undulating acres, bounded by substantial stone walls, marked by winding streams of pure spring water, centering around great roomy houses, with huge outside chimneys and broad piazzas, and with a train of humble negro cabins in the rear. The horses were proud-stepping thoroughbreds, the women comely and spirited, the men dignified and athletic, and all seemed well fed and comfortable. The names of the places along the route recalled to Harry's memory all he had ever read of the desperate battles and massacres and single handed encounters of Daniel Boone and his associates with the Indians in the early history of the country.

At last the regiment halted under the grand old beeches and hickories of the famous Camp Dick Robinson, in the heart of the Blue Grass region. In this most picturesque part of the lovely Kentucky River valley they spent the bright days of October very delightfully.

Nature is as kindly and gracious in central Kentucky as in any part of the globe upon which her sun shines, and she seemed to be on her best behavior, that she might duly impress the northern visitors.

It was the very poetry of soldiering, and Harry began to forget the miseries of life in a camp of instruction, and to believe that there was much to be enjoyed, even in the life of an enlisted man.

There was enough excitement in camp to prevent any danger of ennui. The probability of battle gave the daily drills an interest that they never could gain in Ohio. The native Confederates were numerous and defiant, and kept up such demonstrations as led to continual apprehensions of an attack. New regiments came in constantly, and were received with enthusiasm. Kentucky and East Tennessee loyalists, tall, gaunt, long haired and quaint spoken, but burning with enthusiasm for the government of their fathers, flocked to the camp, doffed their butternut garb, assumed the blue, and enrolled themselves to defend the Union.

At length it became evident that the Confederate "Army of Liberation" was really about crossing the Cumberland mountains to drive out the "Yankees" and recover possession of Kentucky for the southern Confederacy.

Outposts were thrown out in all directions to gain the earliest intelligence of the progress of the movement, and to make such resistance to it as might be possible. One of these outposts was stationed at Wildcat Gap, an inexpressibly wild and desolate region, sixty miles from Camp Dick Robinson, where the road entering Kentucky from Tennessee at Cumberland gap crosses the Wildcat range of mountains.

One day the startling news reached camp that an overwhelming Confederate force under Gen. Zollicoffer was on the eve of attacking the slender garrison of Wildcat gap. The "assembly" was sounded, and the regiment, hastily provided with rations and ammunition, was hurried forward to aid in the defense of the threatened outpost.

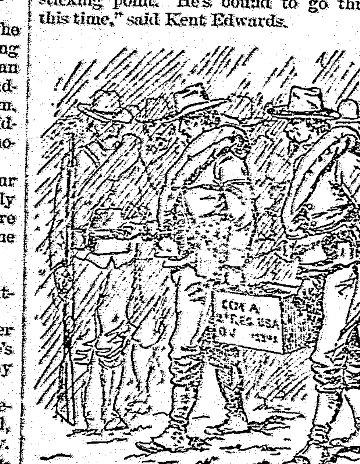
Nature, as if in sympathy with the gathering storm of war, ceased her smiling. The blue, bending skies were transformed into a scowling, leaden-visaged canopy, from which fell a chill, incessant rain.

When the order to prepare for the march came Glen, following the example of his comrades, packed three days' cooked rations in his haversack, made his blankets into a roll, tying their ends together, threw them scarf fashion over his shoulder and took his accustomed place as file closer in the rear of his company. He was conscious all the time, though he suffered no outward sign to betray the fact, that he was closely watched by the boys who had been with him in western Virginia, and who were eager to see how he would demean himself in this new emergency.

He was shortly ordered to assist in the inspection of cartridge boxes and the issuing of cartridges, and the grim nature of the errand they were about to start on duly impressed itself upon his mind as he walked down the lines in the melancholy rain, examined each box and gave the owner the quantity of cartridges required to make up the quota of forty rounds per man.

Those who scrutinized his face as he passed slowly by saw underneath the dripping eaves of his broad brimmed hat firm set lines about his mouth and a little more luminous light in his eyes.

"Harry Glen's screwing his courage to the sticking point. He's bound to go through this time," said Kent Edwards.



"Harry Glen's bound to go through this time."

The hospital steward approached, and said:

"Captain, the surgeon presents his compliments and respects that you send four men to convey your First Lieut. Pancake to comfortable quarters which have been prepared for him in the hospital barracks. His rheumatic trouble has suddenly assumed an acute form—brought on doubtless by a change in the weather—and he is suffering greatly. Please instruct the men to be very careful in carrying him, so as to avoid all unnecessary pain, and also all exposure to the rain. He will have a good room in the hospital, with a fire in it, and every attention, so that you need have no fears concerning him."

"I never had," said Kent, loud enough to be heard all over the right wing of the company.

"I have," said Abe. "There's every danger in the world that he'll get well."

Away the regiment marched, through the dismal rain, going as fast as the heavily laden men could be spurred onward by the knowledge of their comrades' eminent need.

For three weary, discouraging days they pressed onward through the dispiriting rain and over all the exhausting obstacles. On the morning of the fourth they reached the foot of the range in which Wildcat Gap is situated. They were marching slowly up the steep mountain side, their soaked garments clinging about their weary limbs and clogging their foot-steps. Suddenly a sullen boom rolled out of the mist that hung over the distant mountain tops.

Every one stopped, held their breaths, and tried to check the beating of their hearts, that they might hear more.

They needed not. There was no difficulty about hearing the succeeding reports, which became every instant more distinct.

"By God, that's cannon!" said the colonel. "They're attacking our boys. Throw off everything, boys and hurry forward!"

Overcoats, blankets, haversacks and knapsacks were hastily piled, and the two most exhausted men in each company placed on guard over them.

Kent and Abe did not contribute their canteen to the company pile. But then its weight was much less of an impediment than when they left Camp Dick Robinson.

They employed the very brief halt of the regiment in swabbing out the barrels of their muskets very carefully, and removing the last traces of moisture from the nipples and hammers.

"At last I stand a show of getting some return from this old piece of gas tube for the trouble it's been to me," said Kent Edwards, as he ran a pin into the nipple to make assurance doubly sure that it was entirely free. "Think of the transportation charges I have against it, for the time I have lugged it around over Ohio and Kentucky, to say nothing of the manual labor and the mental strain of learning and practising 'present arms,' 'carry arms,' 'support arms,' and such other military monkey shines under the hot sun of last summer!"

He pulled off the woolen rag he had twisted around the head of the rammer for a swab, wiped the rammer clean and bright and dropped it into the gun. It fell with a clear ring. Another dexterous movement of the gun sent it flying into the air. Kent caught it as it came down and scrutinized its bright head. He found no smirch of dirt or dampness. "Clean and clear as a whistle inside," he said, approvingly. "She'll make music that our secession friends will pay attention to, though it may not be as sweet to their ears as 'The Bonnie Blue Flag.'"

"More likely kick the whole northwest quarter section of your shoulder off when you try to shoot it," growled Abe, who had been paying similar close attention to his gun. "If we'd had anybody but a lot of mullet heads for officers we'd a' been sent up here last week, when the weather and the roads were good, and when we could've done something. Now our boys'll be licked before we can get where we can help 'em."

Glen leaned on his musket, and listening to the deepening roar of the battle, was shaken by the surge of emotions natural to the occasion. It seemed as if no one could live through the incessant firing, the sound of which rolled down to them. To go up into it was to deliberately venture into certain destruction. Memory made a vehement protest. He recalled all the pleasant things that life had in store for him; all that he could enjoy and accomplish; all that he might be to others; all that others might be to him. Every enjoyment of the past, every happy possibility of the future took on a more entrancing roseateness.

Could he give all this up, and die there on the mountain top, in this dull, brutal, unheroic fashion, in the filthy mud and dreary rain, with no one to note or care whether he acted courageously or otherwise?

It did not seem that he was expected to fling his life away like a dumb brute entering the reeking shambles. His youth and abilities had been given him for some other purpose. Again palsying fear and ignoble selfishness tugged at his heartstrings, and he felt all his carefully cultivated resolutions weakening.

"A sergeant must be left in command of the men guarding this property," said the colonel. "The captain of Company A will detail one for that duty."

Capt. Bennett glanced from one to another of his five sergeants. Harry's heart gave a swift leap with hope that he might be *ordered* to remain behind. Then the blood crimsoned his cheeks, for the first time since the sound of the firing struck his ears; he felt that every eye in the company was upon him, and that his ignoble desire had been read by all in his look of expectancy. Shame came to spur up his faltering will. He set his teeth firmly, pulled the tompion out of his gun and flung it away disdainfully, as if he would never need it again, blew into the muzzle to see if the tube was clear, and wiped off the lock with a fine white handkerchief—one of the relics of his bygone elegance—which he drew from the breast of his blouse.

"Sergt. Glan—Sergt. Glancey will remain," said the captain, peremptorily. Glancey, the captain knew, was the only son and support of a widowed mother.

"Now, boys," said the colonel in tones that rang like bugle notes, "the time has come for us to strike a blow for the Union and for the fame of the dear old Buckeye state. I need not exhort you to do your duty like men; I know you too well to think that any such words of mine are at all necessary. Forward! *quick time!* MARCH!"

The mountain sides rang with the answering cheers from a thousand throats.

The noise of the battle on the distant crest was at first in separate bursts of sound, as regiment after regiment came into position and opened fire. The intervals between these bursts had disappeared and it had now become a steady roar.

A wild mob came rushing backward from the front.

"My God, our men are whipped!" exclaimed the young adjutant in tones of anguish.

"No, no," said Capt. Bennett, with cheerful confidence. "These are only the camp riff-raff, who run whenever so much as a cap is burst near them."

So it proved to be. There were teamsters upon their wheel-mules, cooks, officers, servants, both black and white, and civilian employes, mingled with many men in uniform, skulking from their companies. Those were mounted who could seize a mule anywhere, and those who could not were endeavoring to keep up on foot with the panic stricken riders.

All seemed wild with one idea: To get as far as possible from the terrors raging around the mountain top. They rushed through the regiment and disordered its ranks.

"Who are you a-shovin', young fellow—say!" demanded Abe Bolton, roughly collaring a strapping hulk of a youth, who, hatless and with his fat cheeks white with fear, came plunging against him like a frightened steer.

"Oh, boys, let me pass, and don't go up there! Don't! You'll all be killed. I know it. I'm all the one of my company that got away—I am, really. All the rest are killed."

"Heavens! what a wretched remnant, as the dry goods man said when the clerk brought him a piece of selvage as all that the burglars had left of his stock of broadcloth," said Kent Edwards. "It's too bad that you were allowed to get away, either. You're not a proper selection for a relic at all, and you give a bad impression of your company. You ought to have thought of this and staid up there and got killed and let some better looking man get away, that would have done the company credit. Why didn't you think of this?"

"Git!" said Abe, sententiously, with a twist in the coward's collar, that, with the help of an opportune kick by Kent, sent him sprawling down the bank.

"Capt. Bennett," shouted the colonel angrily, "fix bayonets there in front and drive these hounds off, or we'll never get there."

A show of savage looking steel sent the skulkers down a side path through the woods.

The tumult of the battle heightened with every step the regiment advanced. A turn in the winding road brought them to an opening in the woods which extended clear to the summit. Through this the torrent of noise poured as when a powerful band passes the head of a street. Down this avenue came rolling the crash of thousands of muskets fired with the intense energy of men in mortal combat, the deeper pulsations of the artillery, and even the fierce yells of the fighters, as charges were made or repulsed.

Glen felt the blood settle around his heart anew.

"Get out of the road and let the artillery pass! Open up there for the artillery!" shouted voices from the rear. Everybody sprang to the side of the road.

There came a sound of blows rained upon the horses' bodies—of shouts and oaths from excited drivers and eager officers—of rushing wheels and of ironed hoofs striking fire from the grinding stones. Six long bodied, strong limbed horses, their hides reeking with sweat, and their nostrils distended with intense effort, tore past, snatching after them, as if it were a toy, a gleaming brass cannon, surrounded by galloping cannoneers, who goaded the draft horses on with blows with the flats of their drawn sabers. Another gun, with its straining horses and galloping attendants, and another, and another, until six great, grim pieces, with their scores of desperately eager men and horses, had rushed by toward the front.

It was a sight to stir the coldest blood. The excited infantry boys, wrought up to the last pitch by the spectacle, sprang back into the road, cheered vociferously, and rushed on after the battery.

Hardly had the echoes of their voices died away, when they heard the battery join its thunders to the din of the fight.

Then wounded men, powder-stained, came straggling back—men with shattered arms and gashed faces and garments soaked with blood from bleeding wounds.

"Hurrah, boys!" each shouted with weakened voice, as his eyes lighted up at sight of the regiment, "We're whipping them; but hurry forward! You're needed!"

"If you ain't pretty quick," piped one girl-faced boy, with a pensive smile, as he sat weakly down on a stone and pressed a delicate hand over a round red spot that had just appeared on the breast of his blouse, "you'll miss all the fun. We've about licked 'em already. Oh!——"

Abe and Kent sprang forward to catch him, but he was dead almost before they could reach him. They laid him back tenderly on the brown dead leaves, and ran to regain their places in the ranks.

The regiment was now sweeping around the last curve between it and the line of battle. The smell of the burning powder that filled the air, the sight of flowing blood, the shouts of the fighting men, had awakened in every bosom that deep-lying killing instinct inherited from our savage ancestry, which slumbers—generally wholly unsuspected—in even the gentlest man's bosom, until some accident gives it a terrible arousing.

Now the slaying fever burned in every soul. They were marching with long quick strides, but well closed ranks, elbow touching elbow, and every movement made with even more than the accuracy of a parade. Harry felt himself swept forward by a current as resistless as that which sets over Niagara.

They came around the little hill, and saw a bank of smoke indicating where the line of battle was.

"Let's finish the canteen now," said Kent. "It may get bored by a bullet and all run out, and you know I hate waste."

"I suppose we might as well drink it," assented Abe—the first time in the history of the regiment, that he agreed with anybody. "We may n't be able to do it in ten minutes, and it would be too bad to've lugged that all the way here, just for some one else to drink."

An aide, powder grimed, but radiant with joy, dashed up. "Colonel," he said, "you had better go into line over in that vacant space there, and wait for orders; but I don't think you will have anything to do, for the general believes that the victory is won, and the Confederates are in full retreat."

As he spoke, a mighty cheer rolled around the line of battle, and a band stationed upon a rock which formed the highest part of the mountain, burst forth with the grand strains of the "Star Spangled Banner."

The artillery continued to hurl screaming shot and shell down into the narrow gorge, through which the defeated Confederates were flying with mad haste.

To be continued.

The two series of articles, "How I was Educated," and "Confessions" of members of several religious denominations, which have attracted a good deal of attention in the *Forum*, are to be followed soon by two other series. In one of these will be presented the views of many different schools of thought, as the Agnostic, the Evolutionist, the Positivist, as well as those of Christian theology, Protestant and Catholic, upon the question, "What is the object of life?"

Medical Department.

EDITED BY G. W. BROWN, M. D.

How I Became a Homœopath.

I am the son of a doctor. I was born and bred in a medical atmosphere. My father's office was a favorite place for my games when a little boy, and for my reading and study when a youth. The imposing shelves of portly volumes, the big jars of hideous specimens preserved in alcohol, the pervading odors of paregoric and lavender, the bloody-looking map of the "great sympathetic" on the wall, the long white skeleton grinning in the closet, and the mysterious box, containing the detached bones of a baby's skull, made a strong impression on my childish imagination. The old brown saddle-bags, with their incredible stores of vials and packages and pill-boxes, excited my special admiration. Physicians were, in my opinion, the wisest and greatest and best of mankind. I saw the whole faculty through the venerated form and character of my good father. We differ as much from our own selves at different times as we do from each other. I have lived to question and scout the old oracles—to abandon the "intensely respectable" path of routine—to discover in the old brown saddle-bags a Pandora's box of evils, and to see how much ignorance and mischief are sometimes concealed and consecrated by a medical diploma!

My father gave me his name, and I coveted his profession. In that happy period of boyhood when our stick-horses are as real as grown men's hobbies, I played the little doctor, and galloped from tree to tree and from post to post visiting my imaginary patients. Before I was fifteen I had read Doctor Rush's half-literary, half-scientific, Introductory Lectures, and was eager to precipitate myself into the vortex of professional study. The child is father of the man. But I was wisely held to a long course of academic preparation. Still my penchant for medicine appeared in every thing. I applied my earliest Latin and Greek to analyzing the medical terms in old Hooper's Dictionary; I acquired the Natural Sciences, as mere stepping stones to the Vital; I studied French, not for "Gil Blas" or "Corinne," but for Milne Edwards' Zoology; and in my botanical lessons, although there were ladies in the class, I had an eye rather to the properties of drugs than to the poetry of flowers.

My father was a Virginian gentleman of the old school, conservative in all his principles. The associates of his forty years' career will testify to the deep-rooted, thorough-going honesty of his nature, and to the chastity of his professional honor. He had been a private pupil of the celebrated Doctor Chapman, and he committed me in due time, with great pride and confidence, to the fostering care of the old University of Pennsylvania. So I followed my father's foot-steps, walked the hospitals, frequented the dissecting room, took notes on the lectures, and graduated at that excellent institution. I returned home full of *l'esprit du corps*, devoted to my professors, proud of my diploma, and crammed full of principles which I was ready to put into practice, at the pecuniary and physical expense of my patrons.

I am not writing an autobiography. These personal details would be out of place, did they not furnish a kind of psychological key to something that follows. I am about to portray the struggles of an ardent and inquiring mind, whilst emancipating itself from the bondage of authority, and emerging into the light and liberty of truth. My experience is typical. Every man, physician or layman, who ignores, misrepresents, ridicules and despises Homœopathy and Homœopathic physicians, as I did, does so from similar causes or motives. The traditions of the past, the teachings of masters, the example of friends, the power of custom and fashion, the opinions of society, weigh like an incubus upon us all, and take away not only the means, but the will to investigate a new truth from an independent standpoint. These vast powers, which retard the progress of mankind, press upon us like the atmosphere, invisibly and unfelt. We are not conscious how blind and feeble, how ignorant and prejudiced and silly we are. There is folly which thinks itself wise, and ignorance which struts in the garb of knowledge. The rulers, the doctors, the chief priests and Pharisees of human thought and fashion, who hold the high places and the fat offices of the world, never recognize the genius of Galileos, and Harveys, and Jenners, and Fultons, and Hahnemanns, until their doctrines have triumphed by their own merits—until they have risen, like the sun, high into the heavens, dispersing the deep mists of error and prejudice which at first concealed them from sight.

I heard of Homœopathy, at Philadelphia, as all medical students hear of it. One professor, with a show of philosophic bearing, gave it a mock analysis, and dissipated it into thin air, as flippantly as an infidel of nineteen years discards the Christian religion. Another, whose private practice it had probably injured, denounced it bitterly, as an atrocious imposition upon the credulity of mankind. A third took a good-natured, jocose view of the whole affair, and laughed (all the students laughing in echo) at infinitesimals as transcendental medicinal moonshine. They all agreed that Homœopathy was one of those evanescent forms of medical opinion, like Brunonism and Broussaisism, and Perkinism and Mesmerism, destined to have its day, and to vanish some morning, like an *ignis fatuus* from the eyes of its deluded followers. They predicted its speedy death and final extinction. Of course I believed every word they said. I was not expected or taught to seek the truth, but to receive what my masters imposed on me as truth. They dogmatized—I accepted. I entered in one page of my note-book, "Ipecac—emetic;" in another, "Homœopathy—humbug."

So I passed out into the great world of action—bigoted, conceited, and ignorant of what was most worth knowing. The new dawn was breaking all around me, but I did not see it. The grand reform was springing up everywhere, but I did not know it. Scores of intelligent physicians were adopting the new practice; thousands of intelligent families were becoming its adherents; books were being printed, journals established, colleges founded; a great school of thought was growing up about me, as every genuine truth always grows, slowly but surely—and of all this I had no living conception, —it was all as unreal to me as the angel presences which are said to throng invisibly our earthly career. I was like some old mariner, who still hugged closely the barren shores of tradition, whilst others armed with the magnetic needle, explored boldly the ocean of truth. I was like some young Greek disciple, just emerging from the Athenian portico, glorying in the wisdom of the ancient philosophies and laughing to scorn the rambling Peters and Pauls, who preached in the market places a new doctrine, destined to silence the Pagan oracles and to revolutionize the world.

It was fortunate for me that I entered on my profession in partnership with my father, who was then enjoying a large practice in one of our Western cities. It not only gave me fine opportunities for observation, at a period when most young physicians are waiting for business, but it threw me into daily and most instructive contact with a richly stored, sagacious, cautious, and practical mind. Experience with many physicians is merely a routine repetition of errors; with my father it was a steady advance toward the truth. His skepticism was continually chilling my enthusiasm. He was coldly empiric—disdaining speculations and distrusting all authorities. I thought we had twenty specifics for every disease; he knew we had twenty diseases without a single specific. I thought that doctors were ministering angels, bestowing health and blessings around them; he knew that they were blind men, striking in the dark at the disease or the patient—lucky if they killed the malady, and not the man. I thought that medicine was one of the fixed sciences, true in theory and certain in practice; he had discovered the wisdom, as well as the wit, of Voltaire's famous definition—"the art of amusing the patient whilst nature cures the disease!"

I had passed a year or two in active practice, learning to think under my father's supervision, (receiving thought from others and thinking for ourselves are very different things,) when I came suddenly into contact with what I regarded as the most gigantic humbug of the day—Homœopathy. It was in this manner: I was called out one cold winter night to a fine, plump little boy, suffering with the worst form of membranous croup. I gave him an emetic: he grew worse. I put him in a hot bath: he became hoarser and hoarser. I repeated the emetic and the bath, with no beneficial result. His difficulty of breathing became frightful. He then sank into a stupid state, with hot head and dilated pupils. I became alarmed. I saw that unless a speedy change could be induced, death was inevitable. I determined to bleed him, to relieve his congested brain, and then trust his fate to broken doses of calomel.

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Norway, Dec. 18, 1886. 52-5

Sunday-School Lesson.

For January 30th.

The call of Abram.—Gen. xii, 1—9.

Notes.—"Abram."—Meaning exalted father. The name is one that appears in the Babylonian inscriptions, and so is such as would naturally be given to a native of Chaldea.——"Out of thy country."—Here it means from Haran. Before this he had left Ur of the Chaldees with his father's family. Ur is an extremely ancient city in what was then the extreme South Sea coast of Chaldea, west of the Euphrates river. It is now occupied by mounds, now called Mugheir, and is surrounded by marshes. Mr. Loftus and Taylor have dug up bricks there which have on them written the name of the city as Ur. Haran is still an occupied site far to the north in Assyria. In order to go from Chaldea to Palestine one would have to go first far to the north to escape the desert, and then southwest.——"From thy kindred."—Terah had now died; and he was head of the class. To leave before his father died would have been against all the Eastern ideas of filial duty.——"In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."—This is a remarkable prophecy, and is only fulfilled in Christ. Before Christ the Jews were a peculiarly secluded people in their religion.——"Sarai, his wife."—Also his half-sister. This shows how undeveloped was the moral sense of that day on social matters. To marry one's father's daughter was allowed, but not one's mother's. The Mosaic law forbade such unions.——"Their substance."—Their immense herd and flocks belong to the tribe.——"The souls they had gotten."—Not exactly slaves, but persons attached to the tribe, herdsman, etc., who acknowledged Abram as their head.——"Canaan."—The oldest name for that part of Palestine west of the Jordan.——"The place of Shechem."—The word place suggests here a place of worship, a high place. Shechem is the well-known town now called Nablous, near Mount Gerizim.————"Oak of Moreh."—A famous tree, or grove, probably attached to the place of worship.——"An altar unto the Lord."—Probably near altars erected previously to other Gods.——"Toward the South."—The word for south in the Hebrew is Negeb, which was the name for more desert region south of Palestine.

Instruction.—Abram's call is a very common one. God bids many a young man or woman now to leave his home and start another. It may be a change caused by business or marriage but however the call comes, it should be only God's call. Do not go except with God's blessing.

We cannot all find great communities as did Abram and our Pilgrim Fathers, or these who are pioneers at the West, but we can all be a blessing whether we move into a new place or whether we remain. No greater comfort can a person have than that, and no greater aim, to be a blessing to people about him.

We cannot tell how far an influence may extend and descend. It must expand, and it must continue from generation to generation.

It's a good old law of God that those who bless will be blessed, and those who curse will be cursed. We say that "curses come home to roost." One who does good to others therein does good to himself; one who injures others injures himself.

When one comes into the Canaan of the Church he might as well take with him all the substance he has gotten, and thus sanctify his wealth as well as his soul. The hymn says, "With my substance I will honor my Creator and King."

What Abram started to do he did. The story says that they went forth to go into the land of Canaan, and into the land of Canaan they came. That is better than Terah did. The command had come in Ur of the Chaldees to him, but he only went as far as Heran. The story says Terah died in Heran. He did not get the full blessing because he stopped halfway.

Wherever Abram went the first thing he did was to set up an altar. He put his religion first. Every family should have its altar. A place of worship should be the center of every community.

Wherever Abram was he was a stranger. He did not assimilate with the people. He had nothing to do with the Canaanites in the land. There is a great difference between a Christian and a non-Christian. They have different purposes and sympathies. One is traveling up and the other down. Let our associations be with the good and not the wicked.

But the great lesson which the Bible draws from the story of Abram is faith. He believed God. He believed that it was safe to obey him. He would follow him not knowing whither he went. There is to be no question about obeying God. It is safe even if it kills us.

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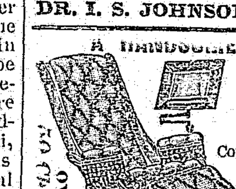

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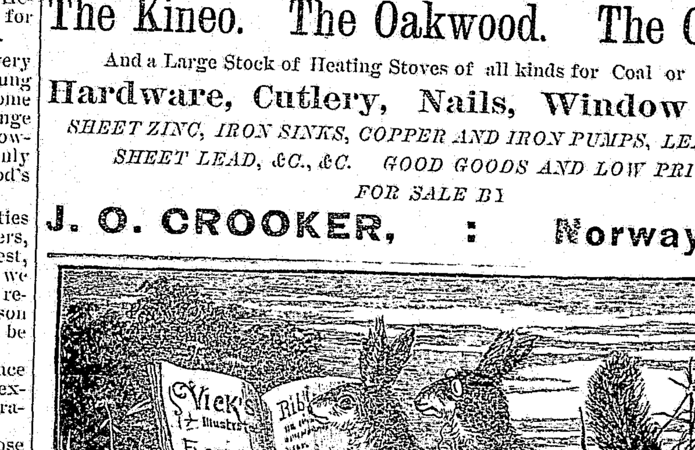

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NOTICE.

Non-resident Taxes in the Town of Oxford, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1885.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Oxford for the year 1885 in bills committed to Geo. F. Walker, Collector of said town, on the First day of Sept. A. D. 1885, has been returned by him to me as remaining unpaid on the second day of June, 1886, by his certificate of that date, and now remain unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes, and interest and charges are not paid in the treasury of said town within eighteen months from the date of the commitment of said bills, so much of the real estate taxed as will be sufficient to pay the amount due thereof, including interest and charges, will without further notice be sold at public auction, at the store of Geo. H. Jones, in said town, on the second day of March, 1887, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Lloyd Andrews, or owner unknown, forty acres of land situated in E. Oxford......$3.25
J. A. Bucknam, or owner unknown, twenty acres of land...... 33
J. A. Bucknam, or owner unknown, Perkins lot near Oxford Town Farm...... 65
J. A. Bucknam, or owner unknown, Simms lot near H. R. Everett's...... 52
Moses J. Bearce, or owner unknown, near Marshall's Pond......22.19
Wm. E. Cushman, or owner unknown, adjoining W. W. Dennin's......7.43
A. H. Dunn, adjoining Poland line,...... 4.52
" " McDonald lot,...... 52
Timothy Jordan, heirs of, or owner unknown, near Holmes Fish Pond...... 72
Susan Kelley, or owner unknown, Plains land...... 13
Mousam Mfg. Co. or owner unknown, Land Mill Privilege and Stock Houses......22.50
Henry M. Merrill, or owner unknown, near Benjamin Swift place......1.54
Benjamin Milliken, or owner unknown, land adjoining H. W. Stuart land,......3.60
Helen N. Noyes......1.30
Robert Noyes, land near covered bridge on Norway road......4.55
Alfred Poland, or owner unknown, land near Oxford Station......2.70
Daniel Pike, heirs of, or owner unknown, land near Hamlin Place,...... 72
John Stevens, land near S. B. Libby's......10.44

GEO. H. JONES,
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Oxford, Me., Jan. 10th, 1887. 2-4

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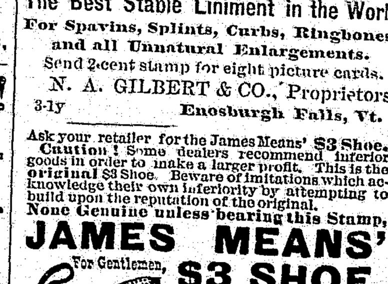

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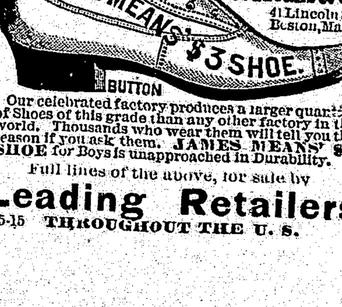

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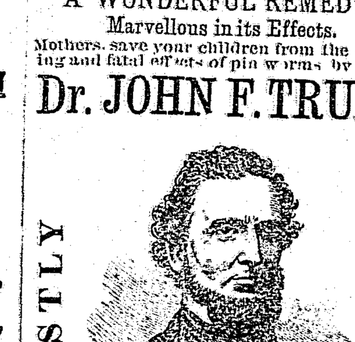

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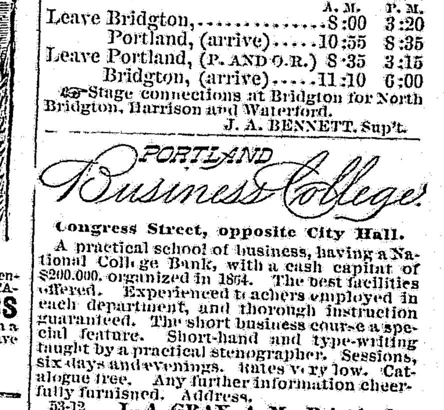

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Capital Stock all paid up, $4,000,000.00

ASSETS AS FOLLOWS:

Real estate unincumbered,	$358,336.70
Cash on hand and in bank,	936,516.64
Cash in agent's hands,	374,380.20
United States securities,	349,850.00
State, city and town stocks & bonds,	1,822,440.00
Bank and Trust Co's stock,	1,486,836.00
Railroad Co's stock and bonds,	4,184,300.00
Loans on real estate,	43,595.00
Loans on collaterals,	11,180.00
Accrued interest,	1,345.02
Total assets,	$9,568,639.56

LIABILITIES:

Losses adjusted and not due,	$46,023.81
Losses unadjusted,	204,974.51
Re-insurance fund,	1,808,187.21
Return premiums, agency commissions, etc.,	59,433.66
Total,	$2,118,618.19
Total income for 1886	$3,050,277.64
Total expenditures for 1886,	$2,947,465.93
Risks written during the year,	$288,683,417.00
Risks outstanding,	295,887,914.00
Risks written in Maine during the year,	5,836,458.00
Premiums received in Me. in 1886,	79,582.56
Losses paid in Maine in 1886,	78,961.92

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